

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) and (b) A Senior Scale Officer has been appointed on each Railway to watch the representation of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Anglo-Indians in Railway Services. He is empowered to scrutinise recruitment at all levels and bring any deficiencies to the notice of the General Manager and suggest ways and means for filling up the quota.

Production of Sugar

3109. Shri Anirudh Sinha: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the output of sugar during the current season upto the 15th of March, 1959?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): 15.31 lakh tons

Farms in Manipur

3110. Shri L. Achaw Singh: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state

(a) the number of Government Agricultural Farms started and at present being run by the Manipur Administration, and

(b) the average annual production of these farms?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) and (b) The information has been called for from the Manipur Administration and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

Railway Track between Suraimanpur and Reoti

3111. Shri Radha Mohan Singh: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the spurs constructed to protect the Railway track between Suraimanpur and Reoti Stations on the North Eastern Railway have since been washed away during the last month or so, or whether they are exposed to the action of the River Ghaghra; and

(b) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken in the matter?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) and (b) These spurs which were constructed before the 1958 monsoon to protect the Railway track between these two stations from erosion by the river Ghaghra have not been washed away. Such spurs are always exposed to the action of the river. Some slight damage, however, was caused to some of the spurs and necessary repairs are proposed to be carried out along with provision of some new spurs. The State Government are obtaining the sanction of the State Flood Control Board before taking up the works.

Radio Operators Course

3112. Shri Siddiah: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to start radio operators course solely for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the year 1959-60, and

(b) if so, in which institute it will be imparted?

The Deputy Minister of Civil Aviation (Shri Mohiuddin): (a) The proposal is to start a radio technicians course for candidates belonging to the scheduled castes and tribes.

(b) It will be held at the Civil Aviation Training Centre, Allahabad.

Pilferage of Goods on Railways

3113. Shri Anirudh Sinha: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state

(a) whether Government are aware that pilferage of goods carried by the Railways between Mokameh and Garhara transshipment is rampant; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken or are being taken in the matter?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) No