

#### Deraiment of wagons at Chandausi Station

359. **Shri Bose:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of wagons were derailed near Chandausi Station on the Eastern Railway on the 19th January, 1959 causing the stoppage of through trains for 24 hours and damage to Railway properties; and

(b) if so, the details of the accident?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) There is no station named Chandausi on the Eastern Railway.

(b) Does not arise.

#### Paddy Production

361. **Shri Anirudha Sinha:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the total stock of rice as on the 31st January, 1959 with the Central and different State Governments?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): It is considered that it will not be in the public interest to disclose information regarding stocks.

#### Posts and Telegraphs Buildings

362. **Shri B. C. Mullick:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 693 on the 1st December, 1958 and state:

(a) whether the land for the construction of buildings for the office of the Director, Posts and Telegraphs, Orissa and staff quarters at Bhubaneswar has since been acquired; and

(b) if not, the reasons for the delay?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri S. K. Patil): (a) No.

(b) The acquisition of land is provided in the Budget for 1959-60 and sanction is under issue.

#### Supply of Paddy Seeds

363. **Shri Daljit Singh:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of paddy seeds supplied in Himachal Pradesh during the years 1957-58 and 1958-59 so far district-wise;

(b) the price realised therefrom; and

(c) whether any quantity of seeds were advanced as loan?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a)

| District    | Quantity in maunds |         |
|-------------|--------------------|---------|
|             | 1957-58            | 1958-59 |
| 1. Bilaspur | 64                 | 19      |
| 2. Chamba   | 287                | 33      |
| 3. Mandi    | 182                | 396     |
| 4. Mahasu   | Nil                | 38      |
| TOTAL       | 533                | 486     |

(b) The price is realised at the prevailing market sale rates in each tehsil plus premium of Re. 1 per maund.

(c) No.

#### National Highway

364. **Shri Oza:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) by what time the work of constructing the National Highway between Ahmedabad and Kandla and Ahmedabad and Porbandar is proposed to be finished; and

(b) what is the present progress?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) By the end of 3rd Five Year Plan.

(b) The progress is as under:

(i) Ahmedabad--Bamanbore-Kandla Road (National Highway No. 8A)

|                  | Work to be done | Work done so far | Work in Progress |
|------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| New Construction | 137 miles       | 66 miles         | 16 miles         |
| Improvements     | 99 miles        | 49 miles         | 21 miles         |
| Bridges          | 8               |                  |                  |

(ii) Bamanbore-Porbandar Road (National Highway No 8 B)

|                  | 129 miles | 25 miles | 69 miles |
|------------------|-----------|----------|----------|
| New Construction |           |          |          |
| Improvements     |           |          |          |
| Bridges          | 3         | ..       | 1*       |

\*The work on Minsar bridge is in progress

#### Aerodrome at Kozhikode

365. { Shri A. K. Gopalan:  
Shri Kunhan:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state-

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the occupants of a fishermen's colony situated at the site selected for the proposed aerodrome at Kozhikode, and

(b) if so, what is the nature of the representation?

The Deputy Minister of Civil Aviation (Shri Mohuddin). (a) and (b) The Pudiyanagadi Fishermen's Union, Kozhikode have represented that they should not be uprooted from their lands and that Government should drop the proposal to acquire the sites in the fishermen's colony and select some other site for the proposed aerodrome. The apprehensions of the Fishermen's Union seem to be unfounded as the site tentatively selected for the proposed aerodrome is not located near the fishermen's colony

#### Bandakpur Station

366. Pandit J P Jyotishi: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that Bandakpur on the Katni Bina Section is a famous religious place where lakhs of people come on a pilgrimage;

(b) whether due to the low platform and the small-sized waiting room the pilgrims are put to great hardships, and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to get the platform raised and a spacious waiting room constructed?

The Deputy Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No hardship is caused to pilgrims as adequate lighting and sanitary arrangements are made along with the two temporary waiting halls that are installed during fairs

(c) As approved by the Users' Amenities Committee it is proposed to extend the existing waiting hall during 1959-60

#### Kurnool-Hubli Rail Link

367 { Shri Agadi:  
Shri Siddananjappa:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state

(a) whether there is any proposal to lay a railway line from Kurnool, Raichur, Gadag or Hubli through the Tungabhadra Canal ayacut area; and

(b) if so, whether any survey has been made in this direction?