

**Chemical and Metallurgical
Laboratory, Ajmer**

2058. Shri Onkar Lal: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of samples tested in Western Railway Chemical and Metallurgical Laboratory, Ajmer since 1952 upto July, 1959;

(b) the percentage of increase in work; and

(c) the proportionate increase in laboratory staff?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) The number of samples tested since 1951-52 are as under:

1951-52	..	3140
1952-53.		3176
1953-54	.	3571
1954-55.	..	4191
1955-56	.	4744
1956-57.	..	5596
1957-58.		7855
1958-59.	.	9295

(b) The increase in the number of samples in 1958-59 compared to that in 1951-52 is 196 per cent.

(c) The corresponding increase in the laboratory staff has been 67 per cent.

**Drinking Water Arrangements in
Asansol Division**

2059. Shri Subman Ghose: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) what are the stations in the Asansol Division like Palasthali and Rusa where there is no drinking water arrangement either for the staff or for the passengers;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken by Government in the matter; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that in the last summer even at Asansol sta-

tion drinking water was sold at the rate of six naye paise per glass?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) There is no station named Rusa on the Asansol Division. Palasthali is provided with a well which supplies drinking water. At the stations: Nimcha Block Hu: on the mam line, Sonachara on the Ondal loop and Takisud—a crossing station between Patratu and Hendegir on the Barkakhana loop, there is no arrangement at present for supply of water but these stations are not opened for passenger booking.

(b) Due to geological peculiarities, neither wells nor tubewells yield water at these stations. The requirements of water are, therefore, met by running water tanks regularly to these stations throughout the year. The Geological Survey of India is also being consulted regarding the feasibility or otherwise of sinking tubewells at these stations.

(c) There was no shortage of water at Asansol during the last summer. However, some unauthorised persons were reported selling water at six naye paise per tumbler to the passengers.

**Animal Husbandry and Milk Supply
Schemes in Assam**

2060. Shri P. C Borooah: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allotted to Assam during the First Five Year Plan period for carrying out programmes of animal husbandry and milk supply in the State;

(b) the amount of money actually spent;

(c) the amount of money which was allotted to Assam during the Second Five Year Plan period so far for this purpose;

(d) the amount of money spent so far;