

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Two.

(c) The local Police as well as the Inspectorate staff of the Food and Civil Supplies Department of the Delhi Administration have been directed to keep a watch.

Covered Platforms in Ferozepur Division

473. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of stations in the Ferozepur Division of Northern Railway, the platforms of which have been covered in 1959-60 so far; and

(b) the number and names of stations, the platforms of which will be covered during the remaining period of 1959-60?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) None.

(b) Nil.

Casual Workers on Northern Railway

474. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of casual workers on the Northern Railway at present;

(b) how many of such workers have put in more than a year of continuous work; and

(c) the number absorbed in regular service during the same period?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Railway Stores

475. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to

lay on the Table a statement showing:

(a) the value of stores purchased abroad and in India separately for Railways during 1959-60 so far; and

(b) how do these figures compare with those for 1958-59?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Construction of Roads in Orissa

476. Shri Panigrahi: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the State roads of economic or inter-state importance in Orissa for which grants-in-aid were given by the Centre during the Second Five Year Plan period so far; and

(b) the amount of grants-in-aid given therefor?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). A statement, giving the requisite information, is laid on the Table. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 89].

Health Programmes for the Country

477. { **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:**
Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadil:

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1499 on 25th August, 1959 and State:

(a) whether the Committee appointed under the Chairmanship of Dr. A. L. Mudaliar for making recommendations for formulating the future health programme of the country has submitted its report; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): (a) and (b). The Committee is expected to complete its work only by the end of 1960.