

Fish, Meat and Poultry

680. Shri V. P. Nayar: Will the Minister of **Food and Agriculture** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India has under contemplation any schemes for raising the production of fish, meat and poultry to reduce the quantitative deficit and qualitative inadequacy of the average Indian diet;

(b) whether it is a fact that raising of artificial fisheries costs less compared to raising of grains; and

(c) if so, what are the impediments in enlarging pisciculture on a very wide scale?

The Deputy Minister of Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa): (a) Yes. Schemes for development of fisheries, meat and poultry development, as rich sources of animal protein have been intensified under the Second Five Year Plan.

(b) No reliable data is available.

(c) The main impediments in enlarging pisciculture on a wider scale are due to the multiple ownership of fisheries, shortage of trained personnel, shortage of fish seeds, shortage of regular water supply for fish ponds and lack of adequate credit facilities for fishermen and fishermen's co-operatives. These difficulties are, however, being gradually overcome by intensifying the fisheries programmes under the Plan schemes.

Child-births in Running Trains

681. Shri Rameshwar Tantia: Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that child-birth rate on trains and railway stations is increasing during the recent years; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to meet the situation?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Yes, the number of child-births on trains and railway stations during the years 1955 to 1959 up-to-date has been increasing as follows:—

1955	..	11
1956	..	26
1957	..	31
1958	..	73
1959	..	97

(b) (i) The guard of the train or the station master on being advised of an impending child-birth on train or at the station arranges immediately for medical attendance by the nearest railway doctor.

(ii) At places where no such medical aid, as referred to in item (i) above, is available, the guard or the station master, as the case may be, arranges to send the case to the nearest civil or municipal hospital.

(iii) A list of Non-Railway Hospitals and private Medical Practitioners is also available with the station master at the station whose services can be requisitioned in emergency.

Platform Sheds and Goods Sheds

682. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

(a) the number of platform sheds and goods sheds constructed at the Railway Stations on the Northern Railway during the Second Five Year Plan period so far;

(b) the number of them proposed to be constructed during the remaining period of the Plan; and

(c) the names of the Stations where these will be constructed?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Platform sheds 45. Goods sheds 28.