

**Quarters for P. & T. Employees,  
Jullundur**

**2412. Shri Daljit Singh:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Post and Telegraph employees who have been provided Government quarters in Jullundur Postal Division so far; and

(b) the number of remaining employees who are not provided Government quarters?

**The Minister of Transport and Communications (Dr. P. Subbarayan):** (a) 14 in Departmental Quarters and 43 in rented buildings.

(b) 698.

**Road Accidents in Himachal Pradesh**

**2413.** { **Shri Daljit Singh:**  
**Shri S. N. Ramaul:**  
**Shri J. B. S. Bist:**

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

(a) the number of road accidents in Himachal Pradesh during 1960 so far (month-wise); and

(b) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to check the accidents?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) 6, 5 and 4 during January, February, and March, 1960, respectively.

(b) The following measures have been taken or are proposed to be taken by the Himachal Pradesh Administration to check the accidents:

(i) All public service vehicles are required to be declared fit by the Inspection Board twice annually.

(ii) Maximum safe laden weights have been fixed in respect of all roads in the Territory.

(iii) Steps have been taken to improve the maintenance, servicing and repairs of all the transport

vehicles of the State Transport Undertaking plying on the roads in Himachal Pradesh.

(iv) Instructions have been issued to the licensees of liquor shops (prohibiting the sale of liquor to a driver, conductor or any other official on duty in a public service public service vehicle.

(v) The surface and the gradient of the roads are being improved and the roads widened, wherever necessary. Paper walls are also being constructed on the roads.

**Warehouses in Punjab**

**2414. Shri Daljit Singh:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the names of places in Punjab where warehouses for storing foodgrains are proposed to be constructed along with the cost and capacity of each of them?

**The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas):** At Abohar construction of a warehouse of 5,000 tons at an estimated cost of Rs. 6.57 lakhs has been sanctioned by the Central Warehousing Corporation.

At Patiala and Kaithal the Punjab State Warehousing Corporation proposes to construct warehouses with 3,500 tons capacity at each centre at an estimated cost of Rs. 5 lakhs each. The location of two more warehouses has yet to be decided.

**Orchards**

**2415. Shri Viswanatha Reddy:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the total acreage under orchards in each State in the years 1958 and 1959;

(b) the total fruits produced annually during 1958 and 1959; and

(c) what are the special efforts being made to increase the production of fruits?

**The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh):** (a) and (b). Avail-