

(c) whether it is also a fact that the paper used for fake ticket-books is the same as for the genuine books?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) No, Sir. The Railway Police conducted a raid on 'Jain Press' on 25-1-1960. They have also subsequently seized from another place some bogus blank paper ticket-books.

(b) While there have been some cases, there is no evidence of a regular racket in counterfeit tickets.

(c) Yes, similar paper had been used.

Road Maps

*446. **Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central and State Governments have initiated a scheme for preparing comprehensive road maps for each district for the purpose of drawing up an integrated plan of road development for each State and for the country as a whole;

(b) if so, when the scheme is likely to be fully executed and the maps published; and

(c) the position accorded to the development of rural roads in the scheme?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Work on the preparation of the proposed District Road Maps is already in progress in most of the States and is expected to be completed by the end of the current Plan period. The maps are intended for official use.

(c) The purpose of the maps is to provide a long-range pattern of road development to be undertaken in each district so as to ensure the co-ordinated and planned development of rural roads by the various agencies concerned.

Free Trade Zone at Kandla Port

*447. { **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:**
Shri Rameshwar Tantia:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 54 on the 17th November, 1959 and to state at what stage is the proposal for setting up a free trade zone at Kandla Port?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): The proposal is still under consideration.

Central Board of Forestry

*448 { **Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri:**
Shri Rameshwar Tantia:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of India have accepted the recommendations of the Central Board of Forestry in connection with setting up of a Central Board for the rational allocation of timber;

(b) whether the Central Board has been constituted; and

(c) if so, its constitution and exact functions?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) A statement giving the constitution and functions of the Board is placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 92].

Signals at Dum Dum Junction

475. **Shri Subiman Ghose:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the start signal No. 3 of Dum Dum Junction, North Cabin, Sealdah Division, Eastern Railway indicates routes to the drivers for three different lines simultaneously, viz. Bongaon line, Dankuni line, and Chord line;

(b) if so, whether the driver is misled and cannot understand the specific line he is approaching;

(c) how many trains were put on wrong lines in the years 1957, 1958 and 1959; and

(d) what action Government propose to take to remove the difficulty?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) No. The Starter Signal only permits a driver to proceed upto the Last Stop Signal, which is different for each of these three directions.

(b) There has been no case in which any driver was misled by this signal, as it does not give advance information of the line on which a driver will be entering.

(c) There has been no case during 1957, 1958 and 1959, when a train was put on a wrong line.

(d) In connection with the proposed provision of Route Relay Interlocking in connection with the Railway Electrification Project, the signalling arrangements at this station would be modified. Then a driver will get advance information at the Starter, as to the line on which he will be proceeding, in addition to the facility of having the Last Stop Signal for the individual line.

Telephone Connections in Bankura (West Bengal)

476. Shri Subiman Ghose: Will the Minister of **Transport and Communications** be pleased to state:

(a) how many applications are pending in Bankura town (West Bengal) for telephone connections up-till now;

(b) what is the date of first application and the date of the last application; and

(c) when the connections are expected to be given and to how many applicants?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Dr. P. Subbarayan): (a) 59 upto 31-1-1960.

(b) The date of first application is 17-11-1956. The date of latest application is 20-1-1960.

(c) The connections are held up for want of essential material mainly iron wire, the supply position of which is very unsatisfactory. Connections will be provided to all the applicants depending on the availability of the essential stores.

Research in Potato, Wheat and Maize

477. Shri Inder J. Malhotra: Will the Minister of **Food and Agriculture** be pleased to state:

(a) the nature of research investigations undertaken by the Mycology Division of the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi during the last ten years with regard to potato, wheat and maize;

(b) the results of these investigations; and

(c) the recommendations made to the farmers in the country?

The Deputy Minister of Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa): (a) to (c). A statement is placed on the Table. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 93].

Agricultural Development of Delhi

478. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of **Food and Agriculture** be pleased to state the total amount spent by the Central Government on the agricultural development of Delhi during the First and the Second Five Year Plans so far separately?

The Deputy Minister of Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa): First Plan period—Rs. 91.11 lakhs; Second Plan period—Rs. 91.89 lakhs. (upto December, 1959).

Soil Erosion in Delhi

479. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of **Food and Agriculture** be pleased to state:

(a) the names of places where work to check soil erosion has been done so far in Delhi during 1959-60; and