

(b) if so, on which section?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) and (b). No. The Staff Benefit Fund Committee did not find it possible to allot funds for the scheme during 1959-60. The question is to be considered again this year at the next meeting of the Committee.

Chandigarh Station

1035. { Shri D. C. Sharma;
Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 667 on the 2nd March, 1960 and state:

(a) the further progress made in regard to the re-modelling of Chandigarh Railway Station; and

(b) the time by which the work is likely to start?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) and (b). Additional accommodation for storage of parcels has been provided. The work of remodelling the yard to provide better berthing facilities is proposed to be taken up during the current financial year.

Casual Workers on W. Railway

1036. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of casual workers on the Western Railway at present;

(b) how many of such workers have put in more than one 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.

Co-operative Societies in Delhi

1037. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Community Development and Co-operation be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of loan advanced to the co-operative societies in Delhi in 1959-60 for agriculture and for industries;

(b) the total amount of loan realised;

(c) the steps taken against those societies which have failed to repay the loan; and

(d) whether Government propose to extend time for the repayment of these loans?

The Deputy Minister of Community Development and Co-operation (Shri B. S. Murthy): (a)

	Cooperative year i.e., 1-7-59 to 30-6-60		By Cooperative bank	By Govt.
		Rs.		Rs.
(i) For Agriculture		28,92,525		22,000
(ii) For Industries		2,90,837		13,000
		31,83,362		35,000

(b) The loans advanced during 1959-60 had not fallen due for recovery during that year. The recoveries in respect of loans advanced during the previous years were as under:

(i) Bank Loan	37,58,427
(ii) Government Loan	16,82,292

(c) Notices are being issued against defaults of previous loans.

(d) Does not arise as the loans advanced in 1959-60 have not become over-due as stated earlier.

Reservation Clerks

1038. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of reservation clerks on Northern Railway, gradewise and station-wise;