

purpose. Last year, the Madras Port handled about 5 lakh tons of iron ore by the ordinary manual method. The new mechanised berth is equipped to handle 1.2 million tons of iron ore in a year on a two shift basis. The actual quantity of ore that can be handled at this berth, however, depends (i) on the State Trading Corporation offering the requisite quantities of ore to the Railways for movement and (ii) the Railways being able to move quantities of that order to the port. The Railways have agreed to move during the period 1st July, 1960 to 30th June, 1961, about 9 lakhs tons of iron ore. The Port Trust has actually handled 2-3/4 lakh tons during the seven months from 1st April, 1960 to 31st October, 1960. It is not possible to estimate precisely the total export of iron ore at this berth during the current year.

T.B. Control

*633. { Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
Shri Jinachandran:

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a "wide gulf" between the target and the achievement in the implementation of the National Tuberculosis Control Programme;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to achieve targets?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): (a) In some aspects, there is a shortfall in achievement as compared with the target.

(b) Mainly due to (1) slow implementation of the schemes by the State Governments, (2) Non-availability of trained personnel and (3) difficulty in procuring X-Ray and other equipments.

(c) The reasons for the shortfall were discussed at the meeting of the Central Council of Health held in

October, 1960 and a Committee under the Chairmanship of the Health Minister of Maharashtra has been formed to go into this matter and suggest measures to expedite progress.

C.H.S. Token Cards

*634. { Shri A. M. Tariq:
Shri D. C. Sharma:

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to the mention of the pay scale of Government employees on the C.H.S. token card the medicines are now prescribed according to the pay scale, thus leading to class distinction; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Railway Protection Force

1099. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the strength of the Railway Protection Force of the Northern Railway as on the 1st October, 1960, in each Division separately;

(b) the number among them belonging to Scheduled Castes in each Division; and

(c) the total expenditure involved in maintaining the above Protection Force in each Division during 1959-60?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 53.]

Thefts on Railways

1100. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of theft cases on the Eastern, Southern, Central and South-Eastern Railways during 1960 so far;

(b) the estimated loss of property; and

(c) the number of persons punished on that account?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) to (c). The information is as follows:—

Railway	Total No. of theft cases	Estimated loss (in Rs.)	No of persons punished	
			Rly. Em- ployees	Out- siders
Central .	9516	5,59,133	5	108
Eastern .	11966	11,24,995	2	27
S. Eastern	1470	4,14,850	29	88
Southern	6582	1,46,457	7	333

†Excluding thefts of carriage & wagon and Electrical fittings which are not available on this Railway.

Sugar Production

1101. { Shri Morarka:
Shri Kalika Singh:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to lay a statement on the Table showing:

(a) the production of sugar in 1950-51;

(b) the plan target for the First Five Year Plan, the achievement during the same period together with the financial allocation and the amount actually spent during the First Plan period;

(c) the target for the Second Five Year Plan period, the achievement made so far, together with the financial allocation under the Second Five Year Plan and the amount actually spent so far; and

(d) the reason for the shortfall, if any, in achieving the physical targets?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) 11.16 lakh tons during the period November to October.

(b) and (c).

	Target o Sugar production (lakh tons)	Actual production h tons)
First Five Year Plan	18.00	18.62 (During 1955-56)
Second Five Year Plan	22.50	24.21 (During 1959-60)

Sugar Industry being in the Private Sector, the question of financial allocation by Government for achieving the targets does not arise. However, the Second Five Year Plan provides Rs. 5 crores for assisting the establishment of co-operative sugar factories in different States. Out of this, Rs. 2.35 crores have been sanctioned upto 31st March, 1960. Although there was no specific provision for this purpose in the First Five Year Plan, Rs. 1.8 crores were sanctioned by way of assistance for establishment of co-operative sugar factories during that Plan.

(d) Does not arise.

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११०२. श्री हेम राज : क्या परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) द्वितीय पंचवर्षीय योजनाकाल में १९६० तक पंजाब में (जिलावार) कितने डाकघर तथा तारघर खोले गये ; और

(ख) द्वितीय पंचवर्षीय योजनाकाल की समाप्ति तक पंजाब में कितने डाक तथा तारघर खोलने का विचार है ?

परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री राज बहादुर) : (क) लोक-सभा