

which raw materials may be locally available and for which there should be an outside market.

Welded Rails

106. { Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri R. C. Majhi:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the welded rails for railway track have any advantages;

(b) if so, what are those advantages; and

(c) whether it has any disadvantage also?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Briefly, Welding of rails minimises the number of rail joints, which are the weakest points in track and reduces maintenance costs. It gives smoother and less noisy running.

(c) Depending on their welded length, difficulties may arise in handling or transporting such rails, provision and maintenance of expansion joints, care in maintenance to avoid effects of creep and to guard against buckling.

Manmad Station, C. Railway

107. **Shri Yadav Narayan Jadhav:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2233 on 20th March, 1959 and state:

(a) the progress since achieved in the work of extension of the down platform of the Manmad station on Central Railway and when the work is likely to be completed; and

(b) when the work of remodelling of Manmad Railway Yard is to be taken up?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) The work has since been completed in July, 1960.

(b) Owing to paucity of funds and due to the postponement of Igatpuri-Bhusawal electrification, the scheme for remodelling the yard at Manmad has been kept in abeyance for the present.

Reinstatement of Railway Employees in Kerala

108. **Shri A. K. Gopalan:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of Railway employees who were suspended or dismissed in connection with the Central Government Employees Strike are still to be reinstated in Kerala;

(b) if so, the number involved; and

(c) the reasons for the delay in reinstating these employees?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

केन्द्रीय यंत्रोक्त फार्म, सूरतगढ़

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(श्री हेम बरुआ :

क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि केन्द्रीय यंत्रोक्त फार्म सूरतगढ़ के प्रबन्धक हाल ही में रूस गये थे ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि उन्होंने कृषि के रूसी तरीकों सम्बन्धी अपने अध्ययन के आधार पर भारत में खाद्य का उत्पादन बढ़ाने का कुछ सुझाव दिये हैं ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो उन के मुख्य मुख्य सुझाव क्या हैं ?

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