

In addition to the above, Enquiry Clerks at the following stations attend to combined duties of Enquiry Clerks and Reservation Clerks while working on shift duties:

Station	Grade	No.
	Rs.	
Bombay V.T.	150-240 (AS)	5
Dadar	"	2
Poona	"	2
Nagpur	205-280 (AS)	1
"	150-240 (AS)	5
Sholapur	"	1
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Casual Workers

690. Shri Pangarkar: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of casual workers on the Central 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 Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) 51699 (as on 31.12.60).

(b) 4137.

(c) 3166.

Electrification of Stations on S. Railway

691. Shri Pangarkar: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway stations which have been electrified during the year 1960-61 so far on the Southern Railway; and

(b) the number of railway stations still pending to be electrified?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) and (b).

During 1960-61, upto 15.2.1961, 37 stations have been electrified. Work is in progress at 36 more stations. 37 stations where power is expected to be available in 1961-62 are proposed to be programmed for electrification during 1961-62. The remaining stations will also be taken up for electrification on a programme basis.

Levelling Operations in Maharashtra

692. Shri Pangarkar: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the financial assistance given to Maharashtra State by the Central Government for levelling operations of land for agricultural purposes during the year 1960-61 so far?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): There are two schemes for levelling and terracing of lands in the agricultural development plan of Maharashtra, one of which is a research scheme under the group 'Soil Conservation' and the other a works scheme under the group 'land development'. As funds for all such development schemes are made available to State Governments periodically in a lump sum and not by individual schemes, the information asked for is not available with the Government of India.

Foodgrains supplied to Bihar

693. Shri Pangarkar: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of foodgrains, both rice and wheat, supplied to the State of Bihar in November, December, 1960 and January, 1961 separately; and

(b) the price at which they were sold to the consumers?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) No rice was supplied to the Bihar Government. The following quantities of wheat were distributed in the State from Central stocks:—

Month	(In '000 metric tons)
November, 1960	13.9
December, 1960	11.4
January, 1961	13.9