

sion and accepted by the Railway Board for:

(i) stenographers working in Railway Board with their corresponding prescribed scales; and

(ii) stenographers working in the various Railway Zones, with their corresponding prescribed scales;

(b) what are the avenues of promotion for stenographers working in the Railway Board and in the various Railway Zones; and

(c) what are the authorised scales of stenographers working with heads of departments in the various Railway Zones?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan):** (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 58].

#### Co-operative Farming

**3483. Shri Sampat:** Will the Minister of Community Development and Co-operation be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that pilot-project units for experimenting co-operative farming have been allotted to Tamil Nad for the Third Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, their total number and the extent of financial assistance that will be made available to Tamil Nad for setting up these pilot project units; and

(c) the places where these units will be located?

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

(b) Twelve pilot projects in co-operative farming will be organised in Madras State during the Third Five Year Plan. Each project would consist of 10 societies. A provision of Rs. 14.55 lakhs has been made in the State plan for assisting cooperative

farming societies in these areas. A sum of Rs. 10.55 lakhs would be available as central assistance for setting up these pilot projects.

(c) During the current year (1961-62) three pilot projects would be located in the following districts:

(i) Madurai

(ii) Ramanathapuram

(iii) Tirunelveli

Selection of districts for pilot projects in subsequent years will be phased by the State Government from year to year in the light of the progress made.

#### Requirement of Rails for Track Renewal

**3484.** { **Shri H. N. Mukerjee:**  
**Shri Tangamani:**

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total requirement at present of rails for purposes of track renewal as well as for new lines during the Third Plan period; and

(b) how the said requirement is being met?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan):** (a) The approximate estimated requirement of rails for the Third Plan is 16.50 lakh tons.

(b) The requirement of 4.50 lakh tons during 1961-62, is being met by indigenous production to the extent of 1.66 lakh tons, and from imports to the extent of 2.84 lakh tons. During 1962-63 also some imports may be necessary. During the remaining years of the Third Plan, the full requirements are expected to be met from indigenous production.

#### National Highway

**3485. Shri M. V. Krishna Rao:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to construct a National Highway to con-