

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government have not agreed to the proposal.

Report of the Railway Uniforms Committee

705. { **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:**
Shri Chuni Lal:
Sardar Iqbal Singh:
Shri A. M. Tariq:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1885 on the 3rd May, 1961 and state:

(a) whether Government have since completed the examination of the report of the Railway Uniforms Committee; and

(b) if so, the result thereof?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) and (b). The report of the Railway Uniforms Committee is still under examination.

Exhibits from Co-operative Societies, Himachal Pradesh, for World Agriculture Fair

706. Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: Will the Minister of Community Development and Co-operation be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that exhibits worth thousands of rupees were collected from the co-operative societies in Himachal Pradesh by the Registrar for co-operative societies for display in the World Agricultural Fair;

(b) if so, total amount thus collected;

(c) the number and value of exhibits displayed at the fair;

(d) whether it is also a fact that substantial portion of amount collected through exhibits was misused; and

(e) if so, action taken thereon?

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

(b) and (c). Products worth Rs. 6,000/- (approx.) were collected from cooperative societies. A list of such exhibits is laid on the Table. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 90].

(d) and (e). The products were for display and not for sale and nothing was therefore collected. At the end of the exhibition it was found that exhibits worth 103.44 rupees were not returned to the department. This matter is at present under examination.

Co-operative Societies in Himachal Pradesh

707. Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: Will the Minister of Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) the number of co-operative societies formed in Himachal Pradesh so far;

(b) whether they are inspected regularly; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

The Deputy Minister of Community Development and Co-operation (Shri B. S. Murthy): (a) 1059.

(b) and (c). Yes, according to an annual programme drawn up for the purposes except in a very few cases where records are not readily available or communications are cut off.

Master Plan for Pathankot Junction

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

(a) whether any master plan for Pathankot Junction has been prepared;

(b) if so, when it is going to be implemented; and

(c) the time required for completion of work?

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

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