

rates of wages paid to casual labour governed by the Minimum Wages Act (Central) employed on Railways and similar labour employed by other Undertakings and Establishments of Central Government. With regard to others no such uniform rates have been prescribed by the Central Government. On the Railways such labour are remunerated at the prevalent local rates.

#### Postal Forms

1402. { Shri Hem Raj:  
Shri Kapur Singh;  
Shri Solanki:

Will the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is still a great shortage of postal forms in post offices in general and in Kangra and other adjoining Districts of Punjab in particular;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is only one press where they are printed at present; and

(c) whether Government propose to get them printed, circle-wise, and if not, the reasons therefor?

**The Deputy Minister in the Department of Posts and Telegraphs (Shri Bhagavati):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. The three Government Presses at Aligarh, Calcutta and Nasik as well as a number of private presses are engaged for printing P & T forms.

(c) Non-essential forms are even now printed circle-wise and also essential forms when the Government Presses are unable to meet the requirements of the Circles.

#### P. & T. Offices

1403. **Shri Rishang Keishing:** Will the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs be pleased to state:

(a) the present number of Post, Telegraph and Public Call Offices in Manipur, Nagaland, Tripura and NEFA; and

(b) the non-returnable contribution, rent and guarantee paid by each of the Government of Manipur, Nagaland, NEFA and Tripura for the offices?

**The Deputy Minister in the Department of Posts & Telegraphs (Shri Bhagavati):** (a)

	As on 31-10-1963		
	Post offices	Telegraph Offices	Public Call offices
Manipur	182	8	8
Nagaland	24	5	3
Tripura	216	19	12
NEFA	33	10	6

(b)  
*Non-returnable contribution paid for Post Offices for, 1962-'63*

	Rs. nP.
Manipur	14,942.50
Nagaland	Nil
NEFA	6,844.32
Tripura	23,085.58

\*The amount of non returnable contribution for the current financial year will be assessed at the end of the year.

Information relating to Telegraph Offices and Public Call Offices is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

#### Railway Time Table

1404. **Shri Anjanappa:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether some pages were missing from the English edition of the Northern Railway Time Table sold out to the general public valid for the period commencing from 1st October, 1963;

(b) whether any such complaints were brought to the notice of the

Public Relations Office of the Northern Railway; and

(c) the action taken by the relevant authorities to withdraw these defective copies of Time Table from sale and to reprint correct copies and also action against the Printing Press?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy):** (a) Out of the first lot of 75,000 copies of Northern Railway's English Time-Table in force from 1st October, 1963 printed and supplied for sale, twenty-six copies were found defective in that there were some pages missing and some duplicate, the error having crept in during binding which is a manual operation.

(b) Complaints in this regard were received by the Chief Operating Superintendent, Northern Railway.

(c) Immediately on receipt, the defective copies were replaced by good ones and the printer was simultaneously asked to correct or replace them. Instructions were also issued to exercise stricter check over binding arrangements to avoid a recurrence.

### Wool Grading

**1405. Dr. L. M. Singhvi:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken to develop, expand and modernise wool grading and woollen manufacture; and

(b) whether any steps have been taken to obtain superior breeds of sheep, like Marino from Australia?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh):** (a) the following steps have been taken to develop, expand and modernise wool grading and woollen manufacture in the country;

#### I. Wool Grading

(i) In order to provide trained personnel for undertaking the work of wool grading, a training centre in

wool grading has been started at Jodhpur.

(ii) A programme for large scale sheep shearing and wool grading has been taken up in Rajasthan which contributes 45% of the wool produced in the country. During the Third Plan, it is proposed to establish 10 large scale wool grading centres in Rajasthan.

Two wool grading centres have already been established one at Navalgarh and the second at Jodhpur, where facilities have been provided for grading of wool.

#### II. Woollen Manufacture

It has been decided to draw up comprehensive and phased plan for rehabilitation and modernisation of the woollen industry with the assistance of an expert team from the International Wool Secretariat.

(b) Attempts are being made to obtain superior breeds of sheep from various countries. During the next six months about 500 sheep of different breeds from New Zealand and 400 Soviet Marino Sheep from U.S.S.R. are proposed to be imported. The Marino sheep from Australia cannot be imported as there is an embargo on their export outside that country.

### रेलवे पास

१४०६. { श्री किशन पटनायक :  
डा० राम मनोहर लोहिया :

या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) समस्त भारत में निःशुल्क यात्रा करने के लिये कितने व्यक्तियों को रेलवे पास (जो इस समय भी प्रयोग में लाये जा रहे हैं) जारी किये गये हैं ;

(ख) इनमें से कितने ऐसे व्यक्ति हैं, जो न तो निर्वाचित प्रतिनिधि हैं और न ही प्रशासनिक पदाधिकारी हैं ; और