

DOUBLING OF TRACK BETWEEN LUCKNOW AND KANPUR

*355. **SHRI ARJUN ARORA:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for the doubling of the broad gauge or metre gauge track between Lucknow and Kanpur; and

(b) if so, by what time the work is expected to be completed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) and (b) Twelve miles of B.G. line between Lucknow and Kanpur is already doubled. There is no proposal at present of any further doubling of the B.G. or the M.G. track between Lucknow and Kanpur.

SHRI ARJUN ARORA: May I know why the whole track is not being doubled?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: Because there is no traffic justification for it.

PANDIT S. S. N. TANKHA: May I know whether this doubling has taken place between Unnao and Kanpur or between Lucknow and Unnao?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: The doubling is between Kanpur and Unnao.

STAFF CARS

*356. **SHRI SATYACHARAN:** Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of staff cars owned by the various Ministries of the Government of India;

(b) the amount spent during the year 1959-60 on the purchase of petrol and lubricants; and

(c) the amount spent on repairs during 1959-60?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): Requisite information is being collected from the various Ministries and will be laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha, when ready.

*357. [*The questioner (Shri P. A. Solomon) was absent. For answer, vide col. 2038 infra.*]

SUGAR EXPORT

*358. **SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN:** Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the loss incurred in the export of sugar to foreign countries during the year 1960-61; and

(b) the rates at which sugar was sold to the foreign countries?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI A. M. THOMAS): (a) The total quantity actually shipped upto 26th February, 1961, was 37,906 metric tons. On this, the loss is estimated at Rs. 1.3 crores.

(b) Sugar has been sold to foreign countries at prices ranging from £ 28-5-0 to £ 37-10-0 C. & F. per metric ton, depending upon fluctuations in the international markets.

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: May I know how our sugar prices compare with the prices of sugar produced in other countries?

SHRI A. M. THOMAS: The cost of production in this country is much higher than the cost in other countries.

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: Are there any reasons for it like freight charges or taxes?

SHRI A. M. THOMAS: Taxes are not levied on the quantity that is exported.