

and things like that. It is a matter of policy, and we are following that.

DR. A. N. BOSE: The list of aH-India bodies which is placed on the Table, item No. 21—Indian Federation of Working Journalists—that is also a body of sectional interest.

(No reply.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

RISE IN THE POPULATION OF DELHI

*73. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government are taking to cope up with the expected rise in population in Delhi during the coming years; and

(b) how much land will be urbanised to meet the requirements of the rising population in the capital, and what steps Government are taking in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR): (a) and (b) The Master Plan for Delhi which is expected to be published by the Delhi Development Authority by the end of October 1960 will make necessary recommendations in this regard.

FORMATION OF NEW FOOD ZONE WITH BOMBAY AND MADHYA PRADESH

SHRI JUGAL KISHORE : SHRI B. D. KHOBARAGADE:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to the answer given to Starred Question No. 39 and its supplementaries in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th November, 1959 and state whether Government have since decided to form a new

food zone comprising of Bombay and Madhya Pradesh States?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI A. M. THOMAS) : No final decision has yet been taken.

INDIGENOUS MANUFACTURE OF DIESEL LOCOMOTIVES

*77. SHRI J. V. K. VALLABHARAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the scheme for the indigenous manufacture of diesel locomotives has been finalised;

(b) whether the manufacturing work has been allotted to one or several private firms and what are their names; and

(c) whether any agreements have been signed with the firms in regard to the number and price of the locomotives to be supplied by them?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) No, it is in the course of finalisation.

(b) The three selected firms are—

M/s. Tata Locomotive Engineering Co.;

M/s. Textile Machinery Corporation; and

M/s. National Engineering Industries.

(c) No, there is no guarantee of off-take.

RAILWAY OFFICERS ON THE EASTERN RAILWAY

*78. SHRI LILA DHAR BAROOAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of notices of removal from service which were served on railway officers on the Eastern