

PANEL FOR SELECTION POSTS OF ASSISTANT PERSONNEL OFFICERS—S.E. RAILWAY

\*400. SHRI V. VENKATARAMANA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of candidates who were placed on the panel for the posts of Assistant Personnel Officers on the South Eastern Railway in the selections held in February and November, 1958; and

(b) the number of actual and anticipated vacancies (other than limited currency posts) of Assistant Personnel Officers existing on the date of the publication of the panel?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

SHRI V. VENKATARAMANA: This question was sent fifteen days before.

MR. CHAIRMAN: He says that he gave fifteen days' notice and asks why you were not able to collect some information at least.

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: We referred it to the railway concerned. Information was received but it was incomplete. We had to refer it back and I hope that in the next Session I will be able to answer this question.

ALLOTMENT OF QUOTAS OF IRON AND STEEL FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES

\*401. SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that allotment of quotas of iron and steel for agricultural purposes in the country has recently been revised:

(b) if so, how the revised allotment compares with the previous one; and

(c) whether the demand for iron and steel for agricultural purposes has now been met in full?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (DR. P. S. DESHMUKH): (a) Yes, Sir. The allotment of iron and steel for agricultural purposes has been increased for quarter IV of 1958-59 and 1st quarter of 1959-60.

(b) and (c). As compared to the allotment of 22,450 tons or about 25 per cent. of the demand for quarter III of 1958-59, the allotment for quarter IV of 1958-59 was increased to 40,400 tons or about 42 per cent of the demand and for quarter I of 1959-60, it increased to 80,400 tons constituting about 81 per cent of the demand.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

DEFECTIVE STEEL SLEEPERS

\*377. SHRI AMOLAKH CHAND: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th February, 1959 and state whether the Special Police Establishment have since completed their investigations regarding the supply of defective steel sleepers, and if so, what are their findings?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY): No, Sir. The Special Police Establishment have not yet completed their investigation regarding Cast Iron Sleepers. They have been requested to complete it early.

PUBLISHING OF RAILWAY TICKETS IN DUPLICATE

\*383. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that railway tickets are sometimes published in duplicate and are sent in bundles for sale at railway stations and their sale proceeds are usually misappropriated by the booking staff; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking to avoid such misappropriation?