

EXPORT OF SUGAR

\*211. SHRI M. H. SAMUEL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the present quantity and value of sugar exports?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI A. P. JAIN): A total quantity of 1.53 lakh tons of sugar valued approximately at Rs. 12.4 crores was exported during 1957.

WORKERS EMPLOYED FOR LOADING AND UNLOADING CARGO AT THE KANDLA PORT

\*212. SHRI N. R. MALKANI: -Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of workers employed at the old and new Kandla port for loading and unloading cargo in each month during the quarter ending March, 1958;

(b) the number of pucca quarters provided for their residence; and

(c) the nature of amenities provided for them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS, (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) The daily average number of workers employed directly by the port was 38 in January, 51 in February and 46 in March. The exact number engaged by private employers is not known.

(b) Sixty pucca quarters are under construction for the workers employed by the Port Organisation.

(c) First aid post, rest sheds, lavatory blocks and bath rooms and canteens.

NEW OIL JETTY AT KANDLA PORT

\*213. SHRI N. R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total cost of the new Jetty erected at the old port of Kandla for receiving oil tankers; and

(b) whether the new Jetty is being used by tankers arriving at the port?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS, (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) Rs. 17.57 lakhs.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

When the new jetty was put into commission, the first tanker was berthed satisfactorily. A little while after the berthing of the second tanker on the 17th December 1955, the ebb tide, which does not run parallel to the flood tide, appears to have created stronger forces resulting in the hawsers of the oil tanker snapping. Since then, oil companies have been hesitating to use the jetty. The Poona Research Station, have suggested some remedial measures which will be considered by a Committee of experts constituted by Government for the purpose. Meanwhile, tankers are being berthed at the old concrete jetty.

PROPOSAL FOR A DOUBLE TRACK ON THE SEALDAH-BONGAON RAILWAY LINE

\*214. DR. A. N. BOSE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for doubling the track of the Sealdah-Bongaon railway line on the Eastern Railway; and

(b) if so, by what time the proposal is to be implemented?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

ELECTRIFICATION OF SEALDAH-BONGAON RAILWAY LINE

\*215. DR. A. N. BOSE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: