

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:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for electrification 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 SHAH NAWAZ KHAN):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Survey work has been completed. Other Civil Engineering works such as removal of infringements, respacing of track, etc. will be taken in hand shortly.

ASSISTANCE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF FRUIT CULTIVATION AND ORCHARDS

*216. SHRI D. V. PATEL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Indian Council of Agricultural Research has any scheme for providing assistance for development of fruit cultivation and orchards; if so,—

(a) what was the budget provision made in this respect for each year since the inception of this scheme; and

(b) how much was actually allocated and to which States?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI A. P. JAIN):

(a) and (b). Yes, it is a scheme included in the 2nd Five Year Plan.

A statement is placed on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix XXI, Annexure No. 25.]

CONSTRUCTION OF WAITING ROOMS AT DIPHU ETC. ON THE NORTH-EAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

*217. SHRI J. B. HAGJER: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether any proposals are under Government's consideration for the construction of waiting rooms at (i) Diphu (ii) Maibang and (iii) Lower-Haflong railway stations on the North-

East Frontier Railway during the Second Five Year Plan period?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): It is proposed to provide a waiting room at Diphu. Upper class passenger traffic offering at present at Maibang and Lower Haflong does not justify provision of waiting rooms.

SETTING UP OF A SUGAR MILL AT NOWGONG

*218. SHRI PURNA CHANDRA SHARMA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state whether licence has been granted by Government for setting up a sugar mill at Nowgong; if so,—

(a) whether the proposed sugar mill is to be set up on a cooperative basis; and

(b) what progress has been made by the cooperative organisation in the setting up of the sugar mill?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI A. P. JAIN):

(a) and (b). No, Sir. Do not arise.

OPENING OF KOKSARA CROSSING STATION FOR LOCAL BOOKING

*219. SHRI HARIHAR PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation for the opening of the Koksara Crossing Station between Chakulia and Dhalbhum Garh on the South-Eastern Railway for local booking of passengers and their luggage; and

(b) if so, what decision Government have taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY):

(a) Yes.

(b) It has been decided to open the station for local booking of passengers and their luggage.