

**COVERING OF PLATFORMS**

\*390. SHRI T. BODRA: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state the total number of platform sheds so far constructed on the stations located on the Eastern Railway loop lines in the district of Santal Parganas in Bihar State?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): Seven.

SHRI T. BODRA: What is the total number of railway stations on this line without covered platforms?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: Their total number is fifteen.

SHRI T. BODRA: How long will it take the Government to provide covered platforms on this loop line?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: It is for the Amenities Committees of the Railway concerned to take it up and see that this programme is carried out.

SHRI T. BODRA: Are the Government aware that the public there are undergoing a great deal of hardship because of the want of covered platforms and that these lines have been neglected so far?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: All these "things will have to be considered by the Amenities Committee.

SHRI V. G. GOPAL: May I know whether there is any programme for remodelling the Tatanagar Railway Station?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: That is being done on a very big scale.

**SETTING UP OF WOOD SEASONING PLANTS**

\*391. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Standing Committee of the Central Board of Forestry at its meeting held at Poona in

August 1954, recommended the setting up of four or five wood seasoning and preservative plants;

(b) if the reply to part (a) above be in the affirmative, whether these recommendations have been accepted by Government; if so, when;

(c) whether these plants have since been set up; if not, what are the reasons for the delay; and

(d) which varieties of timber are proposed to be seasoned by these plants?

THE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE (DR. P. S. DESHMUKH): (a) Yes.

(b) Yes; when considering proposals for forest development under the Second Five Year Plan.

(c) No. The Scheme is due for implementation in the Second Plan.

(d) All kinds of timber will be seasoned. Secondary timbers, i.e., timber not naturally durable, would be treated also with preservatives.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Have the Government made out a list of the secondary timbers that will be cured?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: Yes, Sir.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Is it not a fact that the recommendation of the Standing Committee at Poona was that this work should be taken up immediately and not kept for the Second Plan? Is that not so?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: Yes, that is correct. But there were so many things to be considered. We have got to get the proposals from the States and there were several others which have delayed it; and even the Standing Committee knew that it could not be given effect to immediately.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: When the secondary timbers are also seasoned, will it be possible to satisfy the timber requirements of the Defence Ministry and all the other requirements?