

But the Railway Testing and Research Centre at Lucknow have undertaken investigations on the use of loco coal ash for the purpose.

(b) Does not arise.

Termination of Services of Railway Employees

*498. { Pandit M. B. Bhargava:
Shri M. R. Masani:
Shri Parulekar:
Shri V. Raju:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1061 on the 11th December, 1956 and state:

(a) the number of employees in the different Zonal Railways whose services have been terminated by giving one month's notice or pay in lieu thereof under Para 148 of the Railway Establishment Code Vol. I during 1956-57; and

(b) the reasons because of which their services were terminated all of a sudden without assigning any reason?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) 39.

(b) As their services were no longer required.

Attack on Railway Workers

*499. Shri Raghunath Singh: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on the 30th April, 1957 about 200 men armed with bows and arrows attacked an encampment of workmen employed on construction of the 30 miles long Railway to Banspani from Noamundi; and

(b) if so, how many persons were injured?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) An incident of this nature occurred on

the 26th April, 1957 but not on 30th April, 1957 as stated.

(b) One man was killed and four were injured.

Rural Credit

*500. Shri Jhulan Sinha: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the progress made in the supply of rural credit for agricultural development through the State Bank of India?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): The State Bank of India has purchased debentures of Land Mortgage Banks to the extent of Rs. 26 lakhs so far.

It has also agreed to advance loans to Co-operative Banks on the repledge of goods at $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent below the usual rate. This scheme has been introduced recently and it is too early to assess its progress.

हिन्दूमल कोट श्रीगंगानगर रेलवे लाइन

*५०१. श्री प० ला० ब.रूपाल : क्या रेलवे मंत्री २ अगस्त १९५६ के तारांकित प्रश्न संख्या ६५३ के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) श्रीगंगानगर और हिन्दूमल कोट के बीच रेलवे लाइन बिछाने का काम कब तक शुरू किया जाएगा और कब तक समाप्त हो जायेगा; और

(ख) उस पर कितनी लागत आयेगी?

रेलवे उपमंत्री (श्री शाहनवाज खाँ) :

(क) और (ख) सर्वे रिपोर्ट और लागत का अनुमान रेलवे से मिलने का इन्तजार है।

Reorganisation of Co-operative structure

*502. Shri Thimmaiah: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have worked out a comprehensive programme of reorganisation of the Co-operative structure in the community development areas; and