

ments in State Government properties and for new constructions. The expenditure was low as the State Governments did not furnish the detailed plans and estimates in time.

Andaman Timber

*565. Shri S. C. Samanta: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the properties, behaviour etc. of known varieties of Andaman timbers for use as sleepers and for coach and wagon building purposes, have been analysed and tested by the Railway Research Centre;

(b) if so, what are the findings;

(c) whether it is a fact that a good deal of Gurjan wood is exported to U K and Sudan where they are utilised by Railways; and

(d) if so, whether any attempts have been made to stop the export and utilise them in India especially in Indian Railways?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) and (b). The Forest Research Institute, Dehra Dun, which carries out timber tests of this description has complete data of strengths of the common species of Andaman Timbers and on the basis of this information, some species have been approved for use as sleepers and others for coach and wagon building purposes

(c) No Sir, not at present.

(d) Yes, the Railways have recently negotiated a supply of 100,000 Broad Gauge Unit sleepers from the Andamans.

Anaemia

*568. { Shri V. P. Nayar:
Shri Kaswara Iyer:

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether under the auspices of the Government of India any detailed

study has been made of the incidence of anaemia in our country;

(b) percentage of anaemia resulting from nutritional disorders and deficiencies as against anaemia caused by diseases; and

(c) whether the incidence of anaemia is on the increase?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): (a) Yes. The Indian Council of Medical Research has sponsored a number of studies on the incidence of anaemia in various parts of the country and is continuing to do so.

(b) It is difficult to determine precisely the percentage of anaemia resulting from malnutrition as against anaemia caused by other diseases.

(c) No

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श्री मोहन स्वरूप
श्री ज० ना० सिंह :

क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पूर्वोत्तर रेलवे के अनेक स्टेशनों पर टिकटों और टिकट के मादे फार्मों की बहुत कमी है जिससे यात्रियों को बड़ी असुविधा होती है और उन्हें कमी कमी बिना टिकट भी यात्रा करनी पड़ती है ;

(ख) क्या रेलवे के छापाखाने इस सम्बन्ध में रेलवे की मांग पूरी करने में असमर्थ हैं ; और

(ग) यदि हा, तो जरूरी चीजें अन्य छापाखानों से क्यों नहीं छपवा ली जाती ?

रेलवे उपमंत्री (श्री शाहनवाज खां):

(क) जी नहीं सिर्फ बन्द मौकों पर कुछ जगहों के लिए कुछ स्टेशनों पर छपे ए टिकट कम पड गये थे । लेकिन टिकट-

पत्रिका (Blank paper tickets) बाँटने की ओर उन मौका पर टिकट की बगह जारी कर दी गयी ।

(ख) जी, नहीं ।

(ग) तबान नहीं उठना ।

Production of Tobacco

417. Shri B. S. Murthy: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No 6 on the 15th July, 1957 and state

(a) whether any attempt is being made to grow wrapper tobacco for cigar industry in India,

(b) the areas selected for the purpose, and

(c) the amount allotted for the same during the year 1957-58?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) Yes, on experimental basis

(b) At Dinhata in Cooch Behar (West Bengal)

(c) Rs 4,29,215

Economy on Railways

418. Shri Yajnik: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state.

(a) the amount saved by the economy effected in the construction of prestige buildings and prestige platforms and other unproductive expenditure on Railways, and

(b) the amount saved by effecting further economies after the Railway Budget was presented?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) and (b) It is not possible at this stage to estimate the savings which can be effected. These can only be known after detailed examination of each item of work affected, which, however, will take some time

Public Call Offices

419. Shri M. V. Krishna Rao: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state the names of places where public call office are proposed to be provided in Andhra Pradesh during 1957-58?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): The following public call offices are expected to be opened during 1957-58 provided the requisite stores become available in time

- 1 Alluru
- 2 Atmakur
- 3 Bhansa
- 4 Drasharamam
- 5 Huzurabad
- 6 Jagtial
- 7 Kalyandrug
- 8 Kandakur
- 9 Kodavalur
- 10 Madakasira
- 11 Maddikera
- 12 Mahbubabad
- 13 Medak
- 14 Miryalguda
- 15 Nagarkurnool
- 16 Narayanpet
- 17 Nirmal
- 18 Sattenepalle
- 19 Siddipet
- 20 Singarayakonda
- 21 Rengunta

Fisheries in Andhra

420. Shri M. V. Krishna Rao: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the extent of Central aid given to the Andhra Pradesh for the development of fisheries in the First and Second Five Year Plans and the amount allotted?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): The extent