

(d) No.

(e) Does not arise.

BIOLOGICAL CONTROL LABORATORY

*708. **Shri B. D. Shastri:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state by what time the Biological Control Laboratory proposed to be set up with Canadian assistance is likely to be established?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): The Biological Control Laboratory proposed to be set up with Canadian assistance under the Colombo Plan is likely to be established by the end of 1955-56.

दूनों में भीड़

*७१०. **श्री नवल प्रभाकर :** क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि एंसी कितनी रेलवे लाइन हैं जिनके सम्बन्ध में अभी तक दूनों में भीड़ होने की शिकायत है ?

रेलवे तथा परिवहन मंत्री के सहायीचव (श्री शारदाबाज खां): सभी क्षेत्रीय रेलों के कुछ खंडों पर अधिक भीड़ होने की शिकायतें आयी हैं ।

PLASTIC SURGEON FROM AUSTRALIA

*711. **Shri Madhao Reddi:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Plastic Surgeon from Australia has arrived in the country in the last week of January, 1955; and

(b) if so, the main purpose of his visit?

The Minister of Health (Raj Kumari Amrit Kaur): (a) Yes.

(b) The object of his visit is to demonstrate to the Surgeons and Medical Students the newest techniques in plastic surgery and to give lectures in his speciality.

SUGAR-CANE CULTIVATION

*712. **Th. Jugal Kishore Sinha:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the acreage of the uncultivated area proposed to be brought under

cultivation of sugar-cane to feed the new sugar-cane factories for which licences have been granted so far; and

(b) the steps Government propose to take to ensure that there will be no diversion of acreage from cereals sugar-cane?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) Information has been called for from the State Governments concerned and their reply is awaited.

(b) Measures for development of sugar-cane particularly to improve the yields per acre have been intensified and the additional yield of cane obtained should be adequate to meet more or less the entire demand of two new sugar factories. If there is any diversion, it is not expected to be appreciable.

CITY BOOKING AGENCIES

*713. **Chaudhri Muhammed Shafie:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of city booking agencies operated by Government; and

(b) the number of such agencies operated by private contractors?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) 63 City Booking Offices are run departmentally by Railways.

(b) 48 City Booking agencies are run through the agency of contractors.

HOLIDAY ON REPUBLIC DAY

*714. **Shri Tushar Chatterjee:** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in some of the coal mines the Republic Day was not declared as a paid holiday for labour in 1955; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) and (b). It has