

**Wooden Sleeper Requirements**

33. { Shri V. P. Nayar  
Shri Easwara Iyer:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the latest position in regard to the availability of wooden sleepers required by the Railways,

(b) whether the Kerala Government has been requested to supply sleepers, and

(c) if so, the quantity required to be supplied?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) In 1956-57, 21 lakhs of Track sleepers of all gauges and 17 lakh cft special sleepers were obtained. Targets for 1957-58 are 25 lakhs Track sleepers and 12 lakhs cft special sleepers.

(b) Yes Sir

(c) (i) 46,000 sleepers were to be supplied by the erstwhile Travancore and Cochin State during October 1955—September, 1956. Only 10,405 were supplied.

(ii) 1,15,000 sleepers are to be supplied by the Kerala State during the year October, 1956—September, 1957. Nothing has been received so far.

**Railway Connection to Digha**

34 Shri Pramathanath Banerjee: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are contemplating to connect Digha of Contai sub-division of Midnapore District, the only sea resort and sanatorium in West Bengal, with a railway line from Machada, Ballichuck or any other suitable station on the South Eastern Railway, and

(b) if so, whether this will be included in the Second Five Year Plan?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise

**Tubewells in Punjab**

35. Shri Ram Krishan: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of tubewells sunk in Punjab during 1956-57, district-wise, and

(b) the total number of tubewells proposed to be sunk during the current year, district-wise?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) and (b) The required information is being collected from the State Government and the same will be placed on the table of the Sabha.

**Grow More Food Schemes**

36 Shri Ram Krishan: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the total amount of loans and grants given to various States for Grow More Food Schemes, during 1956-57, State-wise?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): A statement giving the information is appended [See Appendix I, annexure 19].

**Passenger Amenities**

37 Shri Ram Krishan: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the amenities proposed to be provided at the stations on the Rewari-Bhatinda Branch line of metre gauge section at Northern Railway during the current year and the Second Five Year Plan?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): The following amenities are proposed to be provided during the current year  
Hissar Station

(i) Providing overhead watering arrangements and

(ii) An approach road to the goods shed

As far as amenities proposed to be provided during the remaining period of the Second Five Year Plan are concerned no detailed lists have yet