

on saline, flood and hill rices and the posting of liaison staff in various rice growing States for coordinating the rice research work between the Institute and the various States are contemplated during the 2nd Five Year Plan period.

Railway Employees

92. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employees on the Northern Railway declared medically unfit during 1956-57;

(b) the number of employees who were offered alternative jobs on lower grades of pay during the same period; and

(c) the number of employees who were retired from service on medical grounds during the same period?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Extension of Service to Railway Employees

93. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that extensions are being given to certain categories of employees working on the Railways;

(b) if so, the number of such persons granted extensions during 1957; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

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

(b) Fifteen.

(c) Due to shortage of experienced technical personnel in certain categories.

Aerodrome at Bhakra

94. { Shri Daljit Singh:
Sardar Iqbal Singh:

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to have an aerodrome at Bhakra in Punjab; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri S. K. Patil): (a) A large number of persons from all over the country and abroad visit the Bhakra Dam, and there being no direct rail connection, these visitors are put to inconvenience. The proposal to construct an aerodrome at a suitable place near the Dam is under consideration.

(b) Details will be worked out after a decision has been taken.

Central Road Fund

95. Shri Anrudh Sinha: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allotted to the Government of Bihar from the Central Road Fund during the year 1957-58 so far; and

(b) the names of the schemes sanctioned?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) No amount has so far been allotted as no allotment has been asked for by the State Government.

(b) No road scheme has been sanctioned during 1957-58 for being financed from the Central Road Fund. The works which are already in progress in the State are about one hundred.

Sakri-Jaynagar Railway Line

96. Shri Anrudh Sinha: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state: