Wooden Sleepers for Railways

3651. {Shri Hem Raj: Shri Yajnik:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the number of wooden sleepers imported for Railways from foreign countries during the last two years?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): 1956-57—Nil 1957-58—1.15.751.

Staff of North-Eastern Railway

3052. Shri Ghosal: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the staff of North-Eastern Railway Office at Calcutta were given any option and facility for joining the North-Eastern Frontier Railway zone services; and
 - (b) if not, why not?

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

(b) Does not arise.

Wangbal Farm in Manipur

3053. Shri L. Achaw Singh: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state;

- (a) whether the Wangbal Farm in Manipur is being converted into an experimental farm;
- (b) if so, whether any of the cropping schemes are being abandoned; and
 - (c) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) to (c). The information has been called for from the Manipur Administration and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha as soon as it is available.

Dairy Farm at Lamphel in Manipur

3054. Shri L. Achaw Singh: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Farm at Lamphel in Manipur has started a Dairy Farm; and (b) if so, the progress achieved so far?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) and (b). The information has been called for from the Manipur Administration and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha as soon as it is available.

Dairy Schemes

3055. Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the progress so far made in implementing the dairy schemes, for which assistance is being received from New Zealand under the Colombo Plan?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): A statement showing the progress in respect of the dairy schemes for which assistance is being received from New Zealand Government under the Colombo Plan is laid on the Table of Lok Sabha. [See Appendix VIII, annexure No. 77.]

Looting of Goods Trains

3058. Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: Will the Minister of Bailways be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of goods trains that have been looted on the Eastern and North-Eastern Frontier Railways so far since the beginning of the year 1958:
- (b) the value of goods looted on the two Railways during the same period;
- (c) whether any of the persons involved in those lootings have been arrested; and
 - (d) if so, how many?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (8) Eastern — Nil.

N.-E.F.-1.

(b) Eastern-Does not arise.

N.E.F.—Approximately Rs. 14,090.

(c) Eastern—Does not arise.

N.E.F.—Yes, by the State Police.