

**The Deputy Minister of Railways**  
(Shri S. V. Ramaswamy):

(a) Name of Section	No. of occasions
Dhubri-Gokalganj-Fakiragram . . . . .	59
Rangiya-Rangpara North Tejpur . . . . .	76
Chaparmukh-Silghat . . . . .	15
Furkating-Jorhat-Mariani	18
Naginimora-Sihmaluguri- Moranhat . . . . .	23
<b>TOTAL</b> . . . . .	<b>191</b>

(b) On 41 occasions the checks were by surprise while on the remaining 150 occasions the checks were conducted while the officials concerned were on their normal tours.

#### Contracts

1732. **Shrimati Mafida Ahmed:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether any order has been issued to Railway Administrations to settle contracts of the value of less than Rs 5,000 with Registered Labour Co-operatives without calling for tenders on the same lines as those issued by the Ministry of Works, Housing and Supply; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways** (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) General instructions have been issued to all Railways. However, at the instance of Bombay and Punjab Governments, in which States the co-operative experiment has been initiated, more specific instructions have been issued, as an experimental measure, to the Western, Central, Southern and Northern Railways.

(b) Does not arise.

#### Tinsukia-Makum Express Road

1733. **Shrimati Mafida Ahmed:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representations for an Express

Road between Tinsukia and Makum; and

(b) if so, the decision taken thereon?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications** (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) No Madam. But representations have been received for widening and surfacing National Highway No. 37 between Tinsukia and Makum. This Section of National Highway No. 37 is not an Express way.

(b) Financial sanction for an estimate amounting to Rs. 4.61 lakhs has since been accorded for widening the formation and surface width of miles 303|6 to 308|0 of the Assam Trunk Road National Highway No. 37 between Tinsukia and Makum on the 1st October, 1958.

#### Oak Grove School

1734. **Shri Dinesh Singh:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2995 on the 27th September, 1958 and state:

(a) whether the new principal recruited through the Union Public Service Commission has since joined Oak Grove School, Jharipani; and

(b) if so, his qualifications?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways** (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) Yes.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 66].

#### State Trading in Foodgrains

1735. **Shri E. Madhusudan Rao:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Government is considering any proposal to convene a conference of all the interests concerned before taking any final decision on the proposed State trading in wholesale foodgrains?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture** (Shri A. P. Jain): A working Group of officials has been constituted to work out the details. The Government will consider the whole