

Ghee

*309. **Sardar Iqbal Singh:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the results of samples of market ghee collected and tested at the Central Food Technological Research Institutes during 1957;

(b) whether it is a fact that almost all the samples were found adulterated;

(c) if so, the action taken against persons responsible for this; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to check adulteration of ghee?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) No samples were collected and tested during 1957.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Sale of Heron Aircrafts

*310. { **Shri Bimal Ghose:**
Shri Rameshwar Tantia:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to sell Indian Airlines Corporation's Heron aircrafts; and

(b) if so, the reason therefor?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) and (b). The Indian Airlines Corporation have decided to sell two Heron aircraft after taking into consideration the available traffic potential, remunerativeness of the Heron services and the revenue earning capacity of these aircraft.

Breach on Southern Railway

*311. { **Shri B. S. Murthy:**
Shri N. R. Munsamy:
Shri Tangamani:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a breach on the Sullurpet-Nellore line on the 3rd and 4th November, 1957;

(b) the extent of damage to the track and the reasons thereof;

(c) the number of persons stranded and arrangements made to attend to their comforts; and

(d) the steps taken to prevent such breaches?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) Due to heavy and incessant rains from 3rd to 5th November 1957, water overflowed the track at many places between Tada and Nayudupeta stations on the Madras-Gudur Section of the Southern Railway resulting in the interruption of through communication from the afternoon of 4-11-1957.

(b) damage was caused both to the track and bridges on the Akkampet-Sullurpeta-Nayudupeta Section of the Madras-Bezwada line on 4-11-1957 due to heavy rain and estimated cost of damage is about 2.5 lakhs.

(c) about 410 passengers on No. 16 Up Grant Trunk Express and about 500 passengers on No. 18 Up Janta Express which were scheduled to arrive at Madras on 4-11-1957 were held up at Sullurpeta and Dhoravari Chattram stations respectively.

As regards the arrangements made for the supply of food etc. to the stranded passengers, a statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 20.]

(d) Whatever preventive steps are possible will be taken after the investigations, that are being made regarding the causes that led to the breaches, are finalized.