

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Anti-Oxidants

\*958. Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether toxicity tests have been made on an anti-oxidant evolved at the Pusa Institute from the plant *Myristica-malabarica*;

(b) if so, with what results; and

(c) how does the toxicity as determined compare with imported anti-oxidants like B.H.T.?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) and (b). The total extractives from *Myristica-malabarica* which showed strong anti-oxygenic properties have been sent to the Central Drug Research Institute for toxicity tests, as no proper facilities for such tests exist at the I.A.R.I. A report on the subject is awaited.

(c) B.H.T. is one of the anti-oxidants declared safe by the United States Food and Drugs Administration for incorporating inedible products upto 0.02 per cent. No such information is yet available with regard to extractives from *Myristica-malabarica*.

पश्चिमी रेलवे में समाज विरोधी तत्व

\*९६०. श्री डामर : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या रेलवे प्रशासन को इस बात की जानकारी है कि पश्चिम रेलवे की रेलगाड़ियों में समाज विरोधी लोग सामान बेचने के बहाने यात्रियों को ठगते हैं ; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो ऐसे लोगों के विरुद्ध रेलवे प्रशासन का क्या कार्यवाही करने का विचार है ?

रेलवे उपनगरी (श्री लॉ० बॅ० रामस्वामी) :

(क) जी हाँ, सिर्फ बड़ीदा डिबीजन के कुछ ठेकानों पर ।

(ख) इस बुराई को खत्म करने के लिये राज्य पुलिस और रेलवे सुरक्षा दल (Railway Protection Force) भिन्न कर कार्यवाही कर रहे हैं ।

Two Tier Sleeping Berths

\*966. Shri S. M. Banerjee: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether two-tier sleeping berths in 3rd class have been introduced in trains;

(b) if so, on what routes; and

(c) the number of such coaches?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) Yes, Sir, as an experimental measure on certain trains only.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 40.]

(c) Broad Gauge coaches. 6

Metre Gauge coaches. 8

Total. 14

Transmitter

\*967. Shri Halder: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether a parachute and transmitter with U.S. inscription fell near a village P.S. Titagarh (West Bengal), and

(b) if so, what was found out from that?

The Deputy Minister of Civil Aviation (Shri Mohiuddin): (a) No, Sir, no such parachute and/or instrument fell in or near any village under Titagarh Police Station.

(b) Does not arise.

I may add, Sir, that meteorological instruments sent up by means of Parachute to collect meteorological data about pressure temperature,

humidity and wind direction were found in Vraia, Katiara and Dixpala villages in the Police Station Armdanga, District 24 Parganas, between 20th and 22nd May, 1958.

#### Manpower for Major Projects

\*963. **Shri Sanganna:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Manpower Directorate has estimated the technical requirements for the major projects in the country; and

(b) if so, the technical staff requirements of each major project like Hirakud, Bhakra and Nagarjuna Konda Sagar?

**The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi):** (a) No. Sir

(b) Does not arise.

#### Tungabhadra Dam Project

\*969. **Shri Shivananjappa:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that four more generating units will be taken up for installation at Tungabhadra Dam and Hampi shortly; and

(b) if so, whether these installations will be completed during the Second Plan period?

**The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi):** (a) In the Second stage of the Tungabhadra Project, 3 nos. 9,000 KW generating units will be installed—two units in the Dam Power House and one in the Hampi Power House. These 3 units along with one unit of 9,000 KW in the Hampi Power House, sanctioned for the first stage, which has not yet been ordered, will comprise a total of 4 more generating units for the Tungabhadra Power stations. The installation of these 4 sets will, however, take time.

(b) Since the Tungabhadra Project is not related to the production of coal or steel or to the augmentation of Power for Railway electrification,

this scheme, although included in the 2nd Plan, has not been included in the 'core'. Foreign exchange may not, therefore, be available for it. It is difficult to say at this stage whether the installation of above 4 additional generating units will be completed in the Second Plan period

#### Palar River Waters Dispute

\*970. **Shri Tangamani:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1786 on the 23rd April, 1958 and state the latest position regarding Palar river waters dispute?

**The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi):** The Government of Madras have intimated that they do not wish to pursue the matter further at this stage.

#### Railway Bridge at Mokameh

\*971 { **Shri Anirudh Sinha:**  
**Sardar Iqbal Singh:**

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the steps, if any, which are being taken to increase the line capacity on the North-Eastern Railway in anticipation of the increase in transshipment after opening of the Mokameh bridge?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy):** Yes, necessary works like provision of junction arrangements, doubling, remodelling of yards, etc. are being undertaken or are under consideration.

A statement giving details of works already in progress is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 40-A.]

#### Free Telegram Facility

\*972. **Shri B. Das Gupta:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the free telegram facility for passengers has been withdrawn on the Eastern Railway?