

Theft on Kalka Mail

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 Shri S. M. Banerjee:
 Shri Tangamani:
 Shri P. K. Deo:
 Shri B. C. Prodhan:
 Shrimati Mafida Ahmed:
 Shri N. M. Deb:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a theft between Howrah and Delhi on Kalka Mail on the 25th November, 1958;

(b) if so, whether cash and jewellery worth Rs. 10,000 were stolen;

(c) whether any person or persons were arrested; and

(d) if not, the action taken in the matter?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) A theft from Brake Van of Howrah Delhi Kalka Mail was detected at Delhi Junction at 21.30 hours on 25-11-58.

(b) Yes. Shortage of articles to the value of nearly Rs. 10,000 was reported.

(c) No.

(d) The case has been reported to the Government Railway Police, Delhi, and is being investigated by them. Special escorts are being detailed on these Mail trains to prevent such occurrences.

International Wheat Agreement

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 Shri D. C. Sharma:
 Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:
 Shri Halder:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the International Wheat Agreement is to expire on the 31st July, 1959;

(b) if so, the steps taken for the renewal of the Agreement; and

(c) the progress made so far?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). To consider the matter the United Nations convened a conference at Geneva towards the end of October, 1958, at which India was represented. A Preparatory Committee was set up by this Conference to examine in detail the various issues raised at the Conference. There will be a Second Session of the Conference towards the end of January, 1959, at which final decisions are expected to be taken.

Second Bridge on Yamuna

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 Shri Ram Krishan:
 Shri D. C. Sharma:
 Shri Naval Prabhakar:
 Shri Bhakt Darshan:
 Sardar Iqbal Singh:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to reply given to Starred Question No. 1128 on the 10th September, 1958 and state:

(a) whether the report and estimates for construction of second bridge on Yamuna near Tughlakabad have been finalised;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) its location?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) The Final Location Survey has been completed and the Report is expected shortly.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Paddy and Maize Prices in Jammu and Kashmir

*922. **Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) what are the procurement prices for paddy and maize in Jammu and Kashmir and at what rate are they sold to consumers; and