

the fact that according to wild life experts the musk deer is facing extinction in the country; and

(b) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken to prevent extinction of this animal?

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

(b) Musk deer is found in Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh. The Governments of Uttar Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh have declared it as a protected animal. The other two States have been requested to take similar steps.

#### Catering on Railways

\*269. Shri Muhammed Elias: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after taking over vending and catering business from contractors on Eastern and Central Railways, the Railway Administration is incurring a loss;

(b) if so, what was the loss incurred during the years 1957 and 1958; and

(c) the reasons for this loss?

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

(b) and (c).

Railway	1957-58	1958-59
	(Actuals)	(Revised Estimates)
	(Losses in thousands of Rupees.)	
Eastern	6.70	5.23
Central	1.47	2.44

Note.—Figures have been given for financial years, as accounts are not maintained for calendar years.

The main reasons for losses in Departmental catering are:

(i) Expenditure incurred in payment of the prescribed scales of pay to the staff with the

service conditions applicable to Central Government Servants;

(ii) the sale of better quality of edibles; and

(iii) maintenance of better service.

#### Milk Powder Factory at Vijayawada

\*272. { Shri Nagi Reddy:  
Shri Ramam:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 595 on the 4th December, 1958 and state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken regarding establishment of a Milk Powder Factory at Vijayawada;

(b) whether there is going to be any collaboration with foreign capital; and

(c) if so, to what extent?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) The Government of Andhra Pradesh have decided to establish the Milk Powder Factory at Vijayawada.

(b) and (c). The scheme submitted by the State Government is under examination of the Government of India with a view to exploring the possibility of obtaining aid from the UNICEF for it

#### Site for Third Thermal Power Station at D.V.C.

\*276. Shri Subman Ghose: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Dugda has been selected as the Third Thermal Power Station of Damodar Valley Corporation;

(b) if so, the capacity of the plant and the cost to be incurred thereon;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal to construct a reservoir on the Damodar to ensure adequate