

(b) and (c) On account of the extensive Engineering works and the pressure of traffic which is sometimes a little beyond the capacity of the section punctuality suffered. It was necessary to ensure punctuality despite these adverse factors and it was considered by the South Eastern Railway that a scheme of incentive cash awards may produce results. The running crew of the train, i.e. driver, firemen and guard, are formed into teams and qualify for the award of a cash prize under the following condition:—

- (i) A minimum of 80% of the trains worked by the winning team during the period must be brought to destination without loss of time
- (ii) No attempt is made to make up time on the run by undercutting the existing minimum inter-sectional times given for the various coaching trains or exceeding the permanent and temporary speed restrictions imposed from time to time
- (iii) Guards do not refuse to perform the loading and unloading of packages. Any over-carriage of parcels or unnecessary refusal to load is also liable to disqualify the team for the award.

The score of each team is recorded for every day that they run and the prize is awarded on the basis of the monthly score. Three cash awards are given every month for the following services:—

- (1) Important mail and express trains;
- (2) Other passenger and mixed trains; and
- (3) Suburban local trains

The award is valued at Rs. 30,- for the guard and Rs. 60,- for the driver and his two firemen. In addition, publicity is given to the winning team in the Railway's Newsletter.

Lockers at Big Stations

*603. Shri Ram Krishan: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to provide suitable lockers at big stations on each Railway for keeping valuable belongings in these lockers at reasonable charges; and

(b) if so, at what stage the scheme is?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of the scheme are under examinations.

Kharif Campaign

Pandit D. N. Tiwary:
*604. { Shri Ram Krishan:
Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:
Shri D. C. Sharma:

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

(a) whether Government propose to follow the rabi campaign by a more intensive Kharif campaign in the coming Kharif season in all the States; and

(b) whether details of this proposed scheme have been finalised?

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

(b) Yes, Sir. An outline of the Kharif Production Campaign, 1959, is laid on the Table of the Sabha. [Placed in Library. See No LT-1242/59]

Sleeping Coaches in Janata Trains

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

(a) whether much difficulty is being experienced by the passengers in Janata trains because of three-tier sleeping coaches;

(b) if so, whether two-tier coaches are likely to replace these coaches, and

(c) if so, how many two-tier coaches have been running in the Janata trains between Delhi and Howrah?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawas Khan): (a) Some complaints have been received that difficulty is experienced in climbing to the uppermost tier of the 3-tier coaches by old persons

(b) The facility of sleeping accommodation in III class and the type of coach to be used are still in an experimental stage. There is no proposal to replace the 3-tier coaches at present

(c) Nil

Remodelling of Kazipet Railway Yard

*606. **Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No 733 on the 9th December, 1958 and state

(a) whether the scheme for the remodelling of the yard at Kazipet Railway Station has since been finalised and

(b) if so when the work is likely to commence?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) The revised plan is being finalised

(b) The work will commence after the plan is finalised and the revised estimate sanctioned

Foreign Exchange for Sugar Co-operative Factories in Punjab

*607 **Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:** Will the Minister of Community Development and Co-operation be pleased to state

(a) the amount of foreign exchange essential for the implementation of the Second Five Plan target for Sugar Co-operative Factories in the Punjab, and

(b) the amount to be sanctioned for the purpose during the Second Five Year Plan period?

The Minister of Community Development and Cooperation (Shri S. K. Dey): (a) Rs 50 lakhs

(b) This is under consideration

Use of Indian Airports by B.O.A.C. for Jet Operation

*608. { **Shri Raghunath Singh:**
Shri R. S. Tiwary:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state

(a) whether B O A C intends to use Indian Airports for the round-the-world jet service and

(b) if so, the conditions on which the Government have accorded approval to the above scheme?

The Deputy Minister of Civil Aviation (Shri Mohiuddin): (a) According to a public announcement made by the B O A C, B O A C will be introducing Comet IV Jet services on the London to Tokyo route via India with a frequency of four services in a week in each direction with effect from 1459. The point of halt in India will be Calcutta

(b) All Scheduled air services of the B O A C to and across India are operated under the India-UK Air Services Agreement

Sugar

*609. { **Shri Nagi Reddy:**
Shri Vasudevan Nair:
Shri Morarka:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state

(a) the amount of loss incurred due to failure of the contractors to supply 57,000 tons of imported sugar in 1954,

(b) whether the recoverable amounts from the firms have been finally realised; and