

(b) During the period January to July 1961 a total quantity of 18.7 lakh metric tons of wheat was purchased from foreign countries.

Murder in Pathankot Express

*616. { Shri Rami Reddy:
Shri P. G. Deb:
Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Shri Anurobindo Ghosal:
Shri N. R. Muniswamy:
Maharajkumar Vijaya
Ananda:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether a murder has been committed on the 12th July, 1961 in the first class compartment of the Pathankot Express bound for Bombay;

(b) if so, who is the victim;

(c) whether any investigation in regard to the offence has been made;

(d) if so, the result thereof; and

(e) what action has been taken or is proposed to be taken in the matter?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) and (b). Yes Sir. One Shri N. Raghuraman, B.E.(Hon.), Lecturer in Govt. Polytechnic Institute at Khandwa (M.P.) was found murdered in the train.

(c) to (e). The Police have registered a case and investigation is still in progress. So far two persons have been arrested and they have also confessed to their guilt. The accused persons are likely to be prosecuted after the police investigation is concluded.

Television Receiver Licenses

*617. { Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri S. C. Samanta:

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

(a) whether issue of television receiver licenses has been given effect to;

(b) if so, since when such licences are being issued;

(c) how many licenses have been issued so far; and

(d) what is the rate of fees for such licenses?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Dr. P. Subbarayan): (a) Yes.

(b) Since 1959.

(c) (i) 1959 11

(ii) 1960 30

(iii) 1961 6

(d) The rate of fees for different types of such licences is as follows:—

(i) Domestic	Rs. 30/- per annum.
(ii) Commercial	Rs. 120/- „ „
(iii) Demonstration	Rs. 30/- „ „
(iv) School	Rs. 10/- „ „

Soviet Botanical Experts

*619. { Shri Tangamani:
Shri Kunhan:

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

(a) whether six Soviet Botanical experts visited centres like Coimbatore, Ooty, Poona, Bangalore during May, 1961;

(b) if so, the nature of study undertaken;

(c) whether any report has been submitted to Government; and

(d) whether chief Botanist of India was also associated with the study?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) to (d). The question will be answered by the Minister for Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs as it concerns his Ministry.