

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): I hope the hon. Member remembers that it was transferred from C.P. to this place only two years ago. If we are reducing the loss from 1,70,000 to 20,000, that should be considered as a success.

LATE ARRIVAL OF PASSENGER TRAIN AT GUNTAKAL

***1019. Shri Raghavachari:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) on how many occasions during the period from 1st April, 1952 to 1st March, 1953, the passenger train from Bangalore to Guntakal has arrived late at Guntakal;

(b) on how many occasions through passenger bound for Madras and Bombay could not catch the Bombay Mail leaving Guntakal at 18.18 hours to Madras and the Madras Express leaving Guntakal at 18.27 hours to Bombay; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to remedy this?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) 261 occasions.

(b) Bombay—Madras Mail 88 occasions. Madras—Bombay Express 22 occasions.

(c) The Southern Railway administration has been asked to take all possible steps to improve the punctuality of its arrival at Guntakal.

Shri Raghavachari: The Fast Passenger starts only from Bangalore. Why should it not start half an hour earlier to avoid this late arrival?

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan: The train starts from Mysore.

Shri Raghavachari: No; it starts only from Bangalore.

An Hon. Member: Bangalore is in Mysore.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: That is a suggestion.

Shri Raghavachari: Will any arrangement be made to give more time between the arrival of this train and the departure of the others at Guntakal?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): That is being looked into.

Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy: What were the main reasons for these irregular timings? What are the suggestions

made by this Ministry to improve the timings and punctuality of the Railways?

Shri Alagesan: The railway administration is taking several steps. One of them is to shift the water columns in a few stations, which take time just now. With other improvements it will be possible to get this train in time to the station.

Shri Nanadas: May I know, Sir, whether this late running of trains is due to the competition from the buses?

Shri Alagesan: No, Sir.

Shri B. S. Murthy: May I know, Sir, the maximum time taken for the arrival when the train is late?

Shri Alagesan: For that I should like to have notice.

Shri Raghavachari: Is any action taken against the officials responsible for this chronic late-running of trains?

Shri Alagesan: No particular official is responsible for this.

CENTRAL JUTE COMMITTEE

***1020. Shri Rajagopala Rao:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Central Jute Committee is still functioning?

(b) If so, who are the representatives of jute growers on the Committee?

(c) What is the representation given on the Committee to the spokesmen of jute growers in Madras State?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) Yes.

(b) The representatives of the Jute Growers on the Committee are as follows:

West Bengal	...3
Assam	... 2
Bihar	... 2

(c) None at present. I have omitted to read out the names.

Shri Rajagopala Rao: May I know the names of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee? Who are they?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I have not got the whole list here. I have got only the growers' representatives.

Shri Rajagopala Rao: I want to know the names of the Committee's Chairman and Vice-Chairman.