

Mr. Speaker: He wants to know whether there have been complaints about maltreatment of persons, including a Member of Parliament.

Shri Alagesan: I am sorry I am not aware of any such incident. It has not come to our notice.

Shri Bnagwat Jha Azad: May I know if responsibility has been entrusted to any particular officer who can be contacted about these things? What happens is that when the guard is contacted, he directs people to the ticket collector, and from the ticket collector it goes to the Station Master and, meanwhile, the train steams off.

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): A case was brought to our notice by a Member of Parliament. He sent a complaint to me also. I immediately ordered an inquiry and that inquiry is still going on. As regards reporting the matter to the staff at stations, hon. Members or the members of the public can inform the guard as well as the Station Master.

LOSS ON PROCURED AND IMPORTED FOODGRAINS

*886. **Shri S. C. Singhal:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) how much loss in value Government have incurred on procured and imported foodgrains from 1951 to 1953; and

(b) what was the percentage of quantitative loss in stocks?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) Foodgrains were not procured locally by the Government of India during the years 1951 to 1953. As regards the imported foodgrains, the State Trading Scheme is worked on a 'no profit no loss' basis and the question of any loss in value does not arise.

(b) The percentage of quantitative loss was as follows:—

Year	On the Sea	In transit and storage in India
1951	0.3	0.305
1952	0.24	0.73
1953	0.12	0.79 (Provisional).

श्री एस० सी० सिंघल : एस्टीमेट कमिटी की सन् ५२-५४ की रिपोर्ट में दिया हुआ है कि जो माल सन् ५१, ५२ में जहाजों से आया, उसमें सवा दो करोड़ रुपये का घाटा हुआ और उस घाट को राइट आफ कर दिया है, low far this is correct ?

श्री किडवाई : मैंने अर्ज किया कि जो माल जहाजों से आया उस पर सन् ५२ में ०.२४ परसेंट लॉस स हुआ और यहाँ रखने से ०.७२ परसेंट लॉस हुआ और एक कमिटी कई वर्ष हुए श्री वी० टी० कृष्णामाचारी की सदारत में बनायी गयी थी, उसने कहा कि दो से तीन परसेंट तक लॉस तो होता ही है, उसको देखते हुए हमारा लॉस बहुत कम है ।

श्री एस० सी० सिंघल : जो जहाजों में माल आया और जिसको जहाजों से नहीं उतारा गया, उसमें सवा दो करोड़ रुपये का लॉस हुआ ?

श्री किडवाई : मैंने कहा उसमें ०.२४ परसेंट लॉस हुआ जो उस लॉस से बहुत कम है जितना लोग कहते हैं कि होना चाहिये था ।

श्री एस० सी० सिंघल : क्या सरकार ने इस बात का भी पता लगाया कि जहाज वालों ने इस माल को बेच तो नहीं लाया

Mr. Speaker: Order, order; it is carrying on an argument.

Shri Thirunajah: May I know what is the estimated value of the loss on the rice that is being imported from Burma?

Shri Kidwai: The hon. Member has presumed that there will be a loss. There will be no loss, I hope.

ANTI-MALARIA PLANS

*887. **Shri A. K. Gopalan:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been contemplated under the Second Five Year Plan to check the menace of Malaria;

(b) whether Government are satisfied that financial difficulty will not affect the anti-Malaria plans of the Five Year Plan; and