

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) Yes.

(b) A party was selected by the State Government and approved by the Government of India to start a sugar factory in Harda Tehsil of the Hoshangabad District. As the party has not yet made any progress in the matter it is under consideration, in consultation with the State Government, whether the permission granted to the party should be cancelled.

संतरोँ के निर्यात के लिये रेल के सी० ए०

टाइप के डिब्बे

*२१३६. श्री चाण्डक : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सेंट्रल रेलवे पर स्थित कल्मेश्वर, कोहली, काटोल, कालंभा, नरखंड तथा पांडूना की संतरा-मंडियों के व्यापारियों और उत्पादकों की ओर से बड़े बड़े शहरों में संतरे भेजने के लिये रेल के सी० ए० टाइप डिब्बे दिये जाने के बारे में सरकार को कोई अभ्यावेदन मिला था ;

और

(ख) सरकार ने इस विषय में क्या पग उठाये हैं ?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): (a) No representation has been received from Orange dealers and farmers from these stations for the supply of C. A. type wagons for orange traffic.

(b) Does not arise.

नागपुर और दिल्ली क बीच फलों की विशेष माल गाड़ियां

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(क) क्या सरकार को नागपुर और दिल्ली के बीच फलों की विशेष माल गाड़ियां चलाने के बारे में कुछ आवेदन मिले हैं;

और

(ख) यदि मिले हैं, तो सरकार ने इस विषय में क्या पग मे उठाये हैं ?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): (a) No.

(b) During the period 15th February to 10th May, 1952, the Central Railway, on their own initiative, ran 62 coaching specials for the movement of oranges from the Nagpur Division.

AMMONIA SULPHATE

*2138. **Shri P. C. Bose:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the use of the chemical fertilizer Ammonia Sulphate, renders the land sterile and unproductive for several years;

(b) what is the authoritative scientific opinion about the effect of this fertilizer on land; and

(c) whether Government have issued any pamphlet or literature describing in detail the use of this fertilizer for the information of the cultivators?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) No.

(b) The scientific opinion given by our experts is that Ammonium Sulphate is superior to other forms of inorganic nitrogen. Its continued use for a long period is, however, likely to produce deleterious effects unless it is applied with proper irrigation and in combination with organic manures.

(c) The State Governments issue pamphlets and literature in the regional languages detailing the use of fertilisers for the guidance of the cultivators according to local conditions of soil and climate and the nature of the crop to be raised.

SCHEDULED CASTES IN SERVICES

*2139. **Shri Jangde:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state whether the proposal dated the 15th August, 1951 sent by certain M.P.'s to the Commissioner for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes is being considered favourably in view of the inadequate representation of Scheduled Castes in services?

The Minister of Home Affairs and States (Dr. Katju): The proposals have been considered carefully and, while it has not been possible to accept