

International's service to some other countries; and

(d) if so, which are those countries?

**The Minister of Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram):** (a) Not yet, but proposals are in hand to increase the frequency.

(b) the main reason for this increase is the increased traffic potential on the route.

(c) and (d). Air India International have plans to extend their services to Japan and China, as soon as air transport agreements with these countries are concluded. The Corporation also proposes to introduce halts at Beirut (Lebanon), Prague (Czechoslovakia) and Zurich (Switzerland) on some of their services to the West.

#### RAW SUGAR AND JAGGERY

\*875. **Shri Jhunjhunwala:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to lay a statement on the Table of the House showing:

(a) the quantity and value of raw sugar and jaggery produced and imported during the years 1945 to 1955;

(b) whether there has been any export of these substances during the above period; and

(c) if so, to which countries?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain):** (a) to (c). A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix VI, annexure No. 5.]

#### REPORTS OF CHIEF INSPECTOR OF MINES

\*876. **Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the delay in the publication of the Annual Reports of the Chief Inspector of Mines in India for the years 1951 and 1952; and

(b) when they are likely to be ready for being placed on the Table of the House?

**The Minister of Labour (Shri Khandubhai Desai):** (a) Main contributory factors have been—

(i) Inordinate delay in a number of cases in the submission of prescribed statistical returns by the mines;

(ii) the time taken (a) in tabulating and processing them, (b) preparation of diagrams and plans and, (c) above all, in getting them printed.

(b) The report for the year 1951 which has now been published is available in the Parliament Library. The report for the year 1952 is expected to be published in about a month's time. Special steps are being taken to get the report for the year 1953 published within 4 or 5 months.

#### CENTRAL STUD BULL FARM

\*879. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to establish a Central Stud Bull Farm in the Punjab;

(b) if so, when the farm is likely to be established; and

(c) the cost involved in establishing it?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain):** (a) No.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

#### NEW RAILWAY LINES

\*880. **Shri R. N. Singh:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether any suggestion for connecting Bhatinda with Hanumangarh by a Broad-gauge system in place of the present metre-gauge has been received from the Rajasthan Government; and

(b) if so, whether any decision has been taken thereon?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

#### SHORTAGE OF WAGONS

\*882. Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that there has been steep fall in the prices of gur in certain parts of U. P. due to the registration of 'ghost' indents and freezing of railway wagons by certain merchants; and

(b) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken in the matter?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) The only report received regarding steep fall in the prices of gur due to registration of 'ghost' indents and freezing of railway wagons by certain merchants was in connection with the heavy cancellations of registrations by merchants at Muzaffarnagar on the Northern Railway during the last week of December, 1954.

(b) Registration fees, amounting to Rs. 11,000/-, were forfeited in accordance with the rules for wagons supplied but not used.

#### GOODS TRAFFIC BETWEEN INDIA AND PAKISTAN

\*884. Shri Raghunath Singh: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Pakistan expressed a desire to resume unrestricted goods traffic between India and Pakistan?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): No such proposal has so far been received from Pakistan.

#### काम दिलाऊ इफ्तार

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श्री जेठालाल जोशी :

क्या श्रम मंत्री एक विवरण सभा की टबल

पर रखने की कृपा करेंगे जिसमें निम्नीलिखित बातें दिखाई गई हों :

(क) १९५४ में काम दिलाऊ इफ्तारों में राज्यवार कितने लोगों ने अपने नाम दर्ज कराये हैं ; और

(ख) इनमें से कितने लोगों को काम पर लगाया गया ?

श्रम मंत्री (श्री खंडूभाई वृंसाई) : (क) और (ख) विवरण सभा पटल पर रखा जाता है [द्वितीय परिशिष्ट ६, अनुबन्ध संख्या ६].

#### ALL METAL LIGHT WEIGHT COACHES

\*887. Shri Randaman Singh: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Passenger Coaches received so far from Switzerland on the last order;

(b) the total cost of such a coach;

(c) whether it is a fact that a major portion of the order is still pending;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) when all the coaches are expected to arrive?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) The last order is for 50 Coach Bodies complete with Bogies, (Unfurnished) and out of these 46 have been received.

(b) A statement is placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix VI, annexure No. 7].

(c) No.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) By the end of March, 1955.

#### WATER SUPPLY AT VISAKHAPATNAM

\*889. Shri Madhao Reddi: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether any grant for the improvement of water supply at Visakhapatnam has been sanctioned recently;

(b) if so, the amount sanctioned for this purpose;