

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and *[Translation]*

(c) the time by which the committee is expected to give its findings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) to (c). Government has already ordered an enquiry regarding the situation arising out of shortage in availability of sugar in the current sugar season. This enquiry has been entrusted to Shri Gain Prakash, retired Comptroller and Auditor General of India. He is expected to submit his report in one month's time.

Scrap Metal

1316. SHRI ANNA JOSHI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a huge quantity of scrap metal is lying with the Railways all over the country ;

(b) if so, the details thereof, zone-wise ; and

(c) the norms and conditions laid down to dispose of the same ; ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) There is no unusual accumulation of scrap on any Zonal Railway.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The disposal of scrap is arranged through Public auctions/tender sales by Railways/Production Units regularly.

Direct Train from Surat to Bihar

1317. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA :
SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received any representation for starting a direct train from Surat to Bihar ; and

(b) if so, the decision taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Examined but not found feasible.

[English]

Restoration of Trains

1318 PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether representations have been received to restore passenger trains between Repalle and Vijayawada via Tenali on the South Central Railway in Andhra Pradesh ; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government there to?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) Yes, Sir.