

(c) if not, the names of the Divisions where summer uniforms have not been supplied so far and the reasons therefor?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food (Shri A. M. Thomas):**

(a) Yes, Uniforms are being supplied to thirtyfour categories of Class IV staff at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute such as Jamadar, Peons, Ploughmen, Malis, Watchmen, Kamdars, Blacksmiths, Carpenters etc.

(b) and (c). Supply of summer Uniforms has already been started in all Divisions except the Entomology Division. In that Division the Uniforms have been sent for stitching and their receipt is awaited. In other Divisions nearly two-thirds of the staff have been supplied and the rest will be supplied on receipt of the Uniforms which have been ordered.

**Latur-Miraj Section on Central Railway**

**2463. Shri Tulsidas Jadhav:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on the Latur-Miraj Section of the Central Railway:

(i) there are not sufficient engines to run passenger trains;

(ii) there are not sufficient engines to run the goods trains;

(iii) engines of night trains on many occasions run without head-lights;

(iv) there are not sufficient number of coaches of either class to meet the demands of the travelling public and passengers invariably travel on the roofs of carriages;

(v) fans are not provided in either class of carriages; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to remove these shortcomings?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy):** (a) (i), (iii) & (iv) No.

(a) (v) Yes.

(b). The old coaches which cannot be equipped with fans for technical reasons will gradually be replaced by new ones duly equipped with fans.

**Mango Production**

**2464. Shri Vishram Prasad:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of Mangoes in the country during 1960-61 and 1961-62;

(b) the total loss due to destruction by climate or otherwise during the above period;

(c) the total quantity exported and the foreign exchange earned during the past three years; and

(d) the steps Government had taken to preserve these mangoes during the off season?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh):** (a) The production figures for 1960-61 and 1961-62 are not available. The production of mangoes in the country was estimated at 5,059 thousand Metric tons for 1958 when the All-India Marketing Survey of Mangoes was undertaken by the Directorate of Marketing and Inspection.

(b) The annual loss is estimated about 16-20 per cent of the production.

(c) The total quantity exported during the years 1959-62 and their value is as under:

Year	Quantity exported Tons	Value Rs.
1959-60	1,187	11,53,000
1960-61	2,064	16,35,000
1961-62	1,912	17,18,000
(Upto Feb. '62).		

(d) Certain experiments were conducted by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research for the preservation and storage of mangoes and other fruit by use of hormones and chemicals and it was found that the use of these substances did not preserve the fruit long enough to extend their use into the off season period. Further investigations are, however, being contemplated to be undertaken at some of the Regional centres of fruit research dealing with mangoes.

With the surplus fruit, mango preserves, mango chutney and mango pickles and other mango products are manufactured in sufficiently large quantities.

#### Railway Workshops

**2465. Shri Rameshwar Tantia:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that huge quantity of scrap, turnings and borings are lying unused at different Railway workshops; and

(b) if so, the reasons of the accumulation?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy):** (a) No.

(b) Question does not arise.

*Note:* The accumulation as on 31st March 1962 has been taken into account.

#### Swine Fever in U.P.

**2466. Shri Raghunath Singh:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether it is a fact that swine fever is raging in U.P. Districts which is proving fatal to pigs on large scale?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh):** Yes. Swine fever which was hitherto unknown to be existent in this country has broken out in some districts of Uttar Pradesh. It

is a highly fatal virus disease. Necessary steps are being taken by the Animal Husbandry Department, U.P. to combat the disease in the State. Arrangements are being made to import Crystal Violet Swine Fever Vaccine from Weybridge Laboratories (England). The Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Mukteswar and the State Veterinary Disease Investigation Officer are also taking steps to produce the vaccine locally. The disease has so far been reported from the districts of Saharanpur, Lucknow, Rampur, Meerut, Aligarh, Mathura, Agra, and Nainital. In the first two districts 8 outbreaks were noticed in which 176 pigs were affected out of which 136 died. Figures from other districts are not yet available.

#### Irrigation and Projects in Kerala

**2467. Shri M. K. Kumaran:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) the irrigation and Hydro-Electric Power Projects proposed to be taken in hand in Kerala during the year 1962-63; and

(b) whether necessary sanction to undertake the works has been granted?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Shri Alagesan):** (a) The following irrigation and power projects are proposed to be taken in hand in Kerala during 1962-63:

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1. Kallada.
2. Pamba.
3. Kanjirapuzha.
4. Chitirpuzha.
5. Kuttiyadi.

The State Government also propose to take up the Valapatanam scheme, after it has been included in the Third Plan with approval of the Planning Commission.