

additional acreage under pepper during 1961-62 and 1962-63:—

State	(Rs. in lakhs)	
	1961-62	1962-63
1. Kerala	1.00	0.75
2. Mysore	1.12	1.50
3. Assam	0.20	0.72
4. West Bengal	0.11	0.19
5. Maharashtra	Nil	Nil

(d) The following amount is reported to have been spent by the State Governments so far:—

State	Amount spent
	(Rs. in lakhs)
1. Kerala	0.92
2. Mysore	1.24
3. Assam	Not reported
4. West Bengal	Nil
5. Maharashtra	Nil

Manufacture of Spare Parts of Locomotives

748. { Dr. P. N. Khan:
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to manufacture locomotive spare parts at Kalka;

(b) if so, whether a new workshop is to be put up there;

(c) what are the spares to be manufactured; and

(d) when it is expected to start production?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) to (d). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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The existing workshop at Kalka is proposed to be suitably expanded for the manufacture of railway compo-

nents. Besides locomotive spare parts, it is proposed to manufacture screw couplings, draw hooks, springs and track and signalling materials.

Preliminary work on the scheme has been taken up and steps are being taken to prepare a project report. While a start in production of certain components could be made in 1963-64 with existing facilities, the development of production can be expected only after execution of the expanded facilities based on the project report.

Leave Reserve Cadre

749. Shri Priya Gupta: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have asked the Railway Board to introduce 'Leave Reserve' Cadre in different categories of railway employees; and

(b) if so, what is the percentage of Leave Reserve categories in North Frontier Railway and North Eastern Railway?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawas Khan): (a) and (b). Presumably the intention is to know whether any decision has been taken by the Railway Board in regard to leave reserve percentages in different categories of staff. The percentages were laid down on the Railways as far back as 1951. These percentages apply uniformly on all the Railways. A statement indicating the percentages is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

Categories	Percentage
(i) Operating staff requiring replacement even for short periods for normal working Class III	16½ to 30
(ii) Do. Class IV	16½ to 30
(iii) Running staff of all grades	15 to 20
(iv) Commercial staff, Inspectorial or Supervisory staff and such staff of all Departments as require replacement even for short periods for smooth and efficient working	15 to 25