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The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh (a) Yes Sir, a temporary sub-station was recently opened at Kulu,

- (b) To find out indigenous natural enemies of Sanjose Scale pest, which is attacking apple trees and to assist Punjab Government in the release of exotic parasites to control the pest. This station would also undertake survey of natural enemies of various pests of crops and forest trees.
- (c) Two more new sub-stations one each at Rudrur in Andhra Pradesh and another at Pilani in Rajasthan will be established shortly.
- (d) Fifteen besides two Collection Centres.

Wagon Supply Position on Western Railway

1610. Shri Brij Raj Singh (Kotah): Will the Minister of Railways pleased to state:

- (a) the latest situation regarding the wagon supply with reference to the Western Railway on Kota-Baran and Kota - Ramgarmandi - Bhawanimandi sector:
- (b) whether any complaints been received by the grain merchants of this region regarding great hindrance and loss due to non-availability of wagons; and
- (c) if so, what action has been taken to see that the movement of food-stuff is facilitated?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Rama swamy): (a) During the period from 1-1-1962 to 31-7-62, 3901 wagons foodgrains were loaded from stations on Kota-Baran and Kota-Ramganimandi-Bhawanin,andi section.: Western Railway. On 31-7-62 there were only 56 indents of foodgrains outstanding on these sections.

(b) Presumably, the Hon'ble Member refers to complaints made by the grain merchants. Some complaints were received.

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(c) Efforts are being made to clear the outstanding traffic as expeditiously as possible within the resources available.

Jayanti Shipping Company

1611. Shrimati Sharda Mukeriee: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state what progress has been made so far by the Jayanti Shipping Company towards fulfilling their contract with the Government of India for the acquisition of ships?

The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): Presumably, the hon. Member is referring to the agreement entered into as between the Shipping Development Fund Committee and the Jayanti Shipping Company Private Ltd., New Delhi, on the 18th February, 1962 for the grant of a loan of Rs. 2025 crores by the former to the latter to finance the acquisition of 13 ships. In term of this agreement, the Shipping Company are required to raise an initial paid-up equity capital of Rs. 1:50 crores for qualifying to receive part of the loan from the Committee. The Company have informed Government on 2-8-1962 that their paidup capital has been raised to Rs. 1:50 crores. Government are now making necessary verifications in this regard.

Requirement of Fish

- 1612. Shri R. Barua: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:
- (a) the total requirement of fish per year for India (State-wise);
- (b) whether our country has been able to produce the required quantity;
 - (c) if not, what is the shortfall; and
- (d) what steps Government are taking for pisciculture to supplement