(b) to (e). No proposals has been received from the Government of Rajasthan so far for diversion of this forest land under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for allotment to these tribals.

C and W Test for Trains

3143. DR. GUNVANT RAMBHAU SARODE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS pleased to state :

(a) whether all the trains are subjected to C and W test:

(b) if so, whether for the last three years, this test has not been conducted at Kalyan, Igatpuri, Manmad and Bhusaval in respect of trains originating from Bombay V.T.; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) Yes, Sir. All trains are subjected to C and W examination at the scheduled locations.

(b) No, Sir. Passenger carrying trains originating from Bombay V.T. are subjected to C and W examination at Igatpuri and Bhusawal as per standardised C and W examination pattern.

(c) Does not arise.

Kesari Dal

3144. SHRI ARJUN SINGH YADAV : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have removed the poisonous substances found in the Kesari Dal;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) to (c). The poisonous substances found in Kesari Dal have not yet been removed. However, National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad under Indian Council of Medical Research has brought out a method for defoxifying Kesari Dal. Similarly Indian Council of Agriculture Research is also making efforts to develop varieties of Kesari Dal which are harmless.

[English]

Destruction of Mangrove Forest

.3145. SHRI RABI RAY : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether some vested interests have destroyed the mafigrove forest near the sea coast in Orissa; (b) if so, the details thereof:

(c) whether it is also a fact that thousands of people in this area died in 1971 due to devastating cyclone that was attributed to the destruction of mangrove forest in this area;

(d) the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b). The mangrove forests near the sea coast in Orissa as in other parts of the country, are under increasing pressure due to needs of people living in their vicinity.

(c) and (d). A severe cyclonic storm in 1971 caused considerable damage to life and property. Cyclones over the Orissa coast are not unusual. However, mangrove forests mitigate their intensity, and serve to protect the coast line.

(e) Management action plans for the mangrove area of Bhitarkanika and the Mahanadi Delta in Orissa are being implemented for promotion of afforestation and protection measures. Areas of Bhitarkanika have also been declared as a Sanctuary and a National Park.

[Translation]

Testing of Milk

3146. DR. CHATTRAPAL SINGH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the quality of milk being supplied by Delhi Milk Scheme is tested at regular intervals:

(b) if so, the methods of conducting these tests;

(c) the percentage of urea in the milk being supplied by D.M.S.; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) to (d). The consignments of milk procured by the Delhi Milk Scheme (DMS) are invariably tested by the Quality Control Laboratory of the DMS for adulterants and preservatives and with reference to physical characteristics. Milk containing urea is not accepted by DMS.

Expansion of Railway Track

3147. SHRI MOHAN SINGH (Deoria) : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any proposal is under consideration for the expansion of railway track in view of the increasing number of trains on Delhi-Kanpur railway route of Northern Railway;