

### Boiled Rice

3206. PROF. SAVITHRI LAKSHMANAN : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of boiled rice demanded and allocated to Gujarat and Kerala during 1994;

(b) whether the State Governments have requested to increase the quota; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and action taken by the Union Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH) : (a) to (c). No specific request has been received from the Government of Gujarat for allocation of boiled rice during 1994. However, there has been demand from Kerala for supply of maximum quantities of boiled rice against monthly allocations. Out of total quantity of 10.40 lakh MT rice supplied to Kerala during 1994, 9.01 lakh MT was boiled rice which is about 87% of the total rice supplied to Kerala during the year.

Monthly allocations of rice for PDS do not specify variety of rice to be supplied by FCI. Since procurement of parboiled rice is less than demand/requirement in the country, all out efforts are made by FCI to supply maximum requirement of rice to Kerala in the form of parboiled variety; keeping in view its overall availability in the Central Pool vis-a-vis the requirement of other boiled rice consuming States.

### Strike by Primary Teachers

3207. SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Primary Teachers all over the country were on strike recently;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government for the redressal of their grievances?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[Translation]

### Suburban Trains

3208. SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether time schedule is not being followed in regard to running of trains under sub-urban railway services; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard and the success achieved in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) and (b). Punctuality of suburban trains is by and large satisfactory. However, suburban trains do run late some times due to operational factors and factors beyond the control of Railways, viz. agitations, miscreant activities, disturbances at level crossings etc. As the trains run in close succession even marginal detention to one train result in further late running of the following several trains. The running of suburban trains is closely monitored by the concerned authorities to prevent loss of punctuality.

### Trains to Korba

3209. SHRI BHAWANI LAL VERMA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether representations have been received from time to time to run a long distance train upto Korba, a major industrial city under Bilaspur division of South Eastern Railways;

(b) if so, whether the Government have taken any action in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) and (c). Examined but not found feasible due to operational and resource constraints.

[English]

### Freight Traffic

3210. SHRI VIJAY NAVAL PATIL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Railways are losing out to Road Transport in terms of passenger traffic and freight traffic;

(b) if so, the shortfall calculated by Railways during last two years due to the competition from Road Transport; and

(c) the extent to which the Government propose to remove losses caused to Railways in terms of passenger and freight traffic caused by Road Transport?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) So far as Railways are concerned, position of revenue earning freight traffic and originating passenger traffic is given below :

	Revenue Earning freight traffic (Million tonnes)	Originating Pass. Traffic (Million Pass.)
1992-93	350.1	3749
1993-94	358.7	3708
1994-95(RE)	373.0	3972