

Unfavourable weather condition in most parts of the tea growing regions in the country attributed to the shortfall in the achievement of the targets of the production during the Seventh Five Year Plan period, which is in its terminal year.

Stiff competition from other exporting countries and sharp rise in the domestic consumption of tea in the country over the relevant period remained the hindrances on the export front.

(c) and (d). Tea Board in its draft approach paper for the Eighth Five Year Plan period has envisaged higher targets of production and export. The approach paper has been sent to the Planning Commission for consideration and finalisation.

New Food Packet Scheme

2624. SHRI AMARSINH RATHAWA: Will the minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have introduced a new food packet scheme.

(b) if so, the number of trains which have been covered under this scheme;

(c) the reaction of the passengers thereto;

(d) whether this scheme has proved successful; and

(e) if so, what steps are being taken to introduce this scheme in other trains also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir. Meals are now being served in Aluminium Casse-roles in selected trains.

(b) 242

(c) Opinion Polls conducted reveal that an overwhelming majority of passengers appreciated this service.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) This scheme is being gradually introduced on other trains.

Electrification of Ahmedabad-Jamnagar Okha Lins in Gujarat

2625. SHRI MOHANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to electrify the track between Ahmedabad to Jamnagar on Okha;

(b) if so, the steps being taken in this regard; and

(c) the length of railway lines lelectrified so far in railway zones covering Gujarat State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) 623 route Kilometres.

Seizure of Fake RBI Bearer Bonds

2626. SHRI K.S. RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news items captioned, "9 held with fake RBI honds" appearing in the 'Times of India' dated 18 June, 1989; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, the number of persons arrested of this gang during the last two years, the amount seized and action