

(c) the effective steps that have been taken to prevent the consumption of Kesari dal ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) : (a) and (b). Recent studies carried out by the Indian Council of Medical Research have indicated that there are no new cases of lathyrism in recent years even in endemic areas where kesari dal is grown. The council have also emphasised that unless kesari dal is consumed in high amounts and over prolonged period there appears to be no danger of lathyrism

(c) Rule 44-A of the Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955 already prohibits sale of Kesari dal or its mixture in any form, from the date so notified by the State Governments. Health education efforts are also carried out to discourage consumption of Kesari dal.

Trial Transportation of Bulk Machinery from Haldia to Patna

2061. DR. B. L. SHAILESH : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the experience gained from the recent trial transportation of bulk fertilizer machinery from Haldia to Patna ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : A vessel carrying 410 tonnes of over dimensional cargo comprising of fertilizer machinery has sailed from Calcutta in the last week of June, 1986 and has passed through the Navigational Lock at Farakka safely on 9th July, 1986. This vessel is yet to reach Patna. The experience gained so far in particular, passing through the navigational lock at Farakka has been satisfactory. Further, despite the strong current, the vessels has been making satisfactory progress and has reached Sultanganj on way to Patna. The cumulative experience could be gained only after the vessel reaches its destination.

Additional Daily Express Train between Bangalore and Madras

2062. SHRI V. S. KRISHNA IYER : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the average daily passengers on the waiting list at Bangalore City Railway Station for Bangalore-Madras Brindavan Express;

(b) whether it is a fact that a large number of passengers were forced to travel in unreserved compartments daily ;

(c) whether Government propose to run additional express train between Bangalore-Madras daily ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) The daily average number of passengers on the waiting list at Bangalore City railway station for Bangalore-Madras Brindavan Express during the last three months was as under :

	A. C. Chair Car	Ind Seats
April, 86	25	180
May, 86	50	220
June, 86	40	196

(b) During the above period, on an average 280 unreserved tickets were issued at Bangalore City station by Brindavan Express to various destinations.

(c) No, Sir, Besides Brindavan Express two more Mail/Express trains are available between Bangalore and Madras.

(d) Does not arise.

Air India Passenger Service to Bangalore

2063. SHRI V. S. KRISHNA IYER : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Air India has introduced a passenger service to Bangalore ;