

(b) No, as the requirements were urgent.

(c) No.

(d) Does not arise.

AIR-CONDITIONED RAILWAY COACHES

658. Dr. Amin: (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state what is the cost of an Air-conditioned Passenger Coach manufactured in India?

(b) How many of such coaches have so far been manufactured?

(c) Are any other types of passenger coaches manufactured in India and if so, the total number of such coaches manufactured so far and the cost of manufacture of each type of such coaches?

(d) What is the percentage of the total cost of each type of coach which is spent on parts of indigenous manufacture?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Broad Gauge—Rs. 2,71,000.

Metre Gauge—Rs. 2,22,000.

(b) 16 were in service on 31st March 1951. 29 have since been placed on line making a total of 45, all of which have been manufactured in India.

(c) Yes. Various types of coaches are manufactured in Railway Workshops and their cost differs from type to type and the year of construction. The present day estimated prices of some representative types are:—

Bogie Second Class—	
Broad Gauge—Rs.	1,47,000.
Metre Gauge—Rs.	1,02,000.
Bogie Third Class—	
Broad Gauge—Rs.	1,17,000.
Metre Gauge—Rs.	90,000.

Information regarding the total numbers of coaches of all types placed in service from year to year is given in Chapter VI of Volume I of the Railway Board's Report on Indian Railways, copies of which are available in the Library of the House.

(d) About 90 per cent. of the cost of coaches built in Railway workshops is spent on parts of indigenous manufacture.

RICE SUPPLIED TO HYDERABAD

659. Shri H. G. Vaishnav: (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the total quantity of rice imported into Hyderabad State 4 PSD.

and the total quantity of rice produced in the State in the year 1952?

(b) What are the requirements of rice in that State during the year 1953 and how much quantity will be supplied by the Centre?

(c) Is the Hyderabad State self-sufficient as regards other food-stuffs?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa): (a) 18,000 and 460,000 tons respectively.

(b) A quota of 20,000 tons of rice for Hyderabad for 1953 has been provisionally fixed, against 40,000 tons they have asked for; the Centre will try to meet this demand.

(c) Yes.

RAILWAY CLAIMS

660. Shri H. G. Vaishnav: (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the total number of claims together with value thereof submitted to the Claims Section regarding the loss of goods in transit incurred on the metre-gauge system of Railways in Hyderabad State during the year 1952?

(b) How many of these claims together with value thereof had been decided in the year 1952 and how many cases are still pending?

(c) Has the number of claims increased or decreased in the said year in comparison with the year 1951 and if so, to what extent?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) The total number of claims received during the year 1952 was 1803, their value being Rs. 3,16,547.

(b) The number of claims settled during the year 1952 was 1704 and the amount was Rs. 2,30,300. The number of claims outstanding at the end of the year 1952 was 99.

(c) The number of claims received during 1952 has increased by 143 as compared with that of the previous year.

PILFERING OF MATERIALS FROM RAILWAY WORKSHOPS AT KALKA AND JAGADHRI

661. Prof. D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the value of materials pilfered from the Railway Workshops at Kalka and Jagadhri during the year 1952, and

(b) the steps Government have taken to prevent such pilferings?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Kalka Workshop—Rs. 250.

Jagadhri Workshop—Nil.

(Materials pilfered have since been recovered).

(b) Pickets at all the workshop gates have been strengthened.

FOREST LABOURERS' SOCIETIES IN BOMBAY

662. **Shri Natawadkar:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Forest Labourers' Societies working for the welfare of *Adivasis* in Bombay State have been given priority for supply of railway wagons; and

(b) if so, what steps, if any, Government have taken to supply wagons in time to the said societies?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) No preferential treatment has been given to any particular society for the movement of this traffic on the Central Railway, but from stations on the Western

Railway this traffic being sponsored by the Bombay Government is moved preferentially within the quotas allotted to timber booking sections.

(b) Only demands for special type of stock have not been met in full due to paucity of such stock. Every endeavour is being made to step up supply of special type stock.

चारा

६६३. सेठ गोविन्द दास : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे :

(क) चारे के उत्पादन में सन् १९५२ में लगी समस्त भूमी का एकड़ों में क्षेत्रफल ;

(ख) क्या यह गत वर्षों की तुलना में कम था ; तथा

(ग) यदि हाँ, तो इस के कारण ?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) to (c). The information asked for is being collected from the States and will be placed on the Table of the House when received.