

(b) whether the Government of India have any programme for developing the fish and sea-food canning industry in order to prevent large quantities of these items of food being rendered unfit for consumption by decay, etc.?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) A Statement is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 64.]

(b) No, not at present.

FISH WASTE

361. Shri V. P. Nayar: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of fish-waste produced yearly at present by the fishing industry in India; and

(b) whether Government have investigated the possibility of recovering chemicals useful in the food, cosmetics and pharmaceutical industries from fish-wastes?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) The production of manure from fish residue after extraction of oil, particularly from sardines, varies from year to year. The production of such manure during 1948-49 was estimated at 936,000 maunds.

(b) Since fish landing centres are numerous and scattered all along the coast of the country and the quantity of fish landed at any one centre is small it has not been practicable to make the investigation in question. Some experimental work in this connection is, however, being done in Bombay and Madras States.

TUBE WELLS ON EITHER SIDE OF BIKANER CANAL

362. Shri Karni Singhji: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether there is any proposal before Government for sinking tube-wells on either side of the Bikaner Canal near Ferozpur Head Works to augment supplies of water when ordinarily the supply of water in the river runs low by the middle of April to end of June?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): The Govern-

ment of Rajasthan had such a proposal but the economics of this scheme have yet to be studied.

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३६३. श्री रघूनाथ सिंह : (क) क्या रेल मंत्री यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि उत्तर रेलवे के कितने इंजन आजकल बिना हैड लाइट के चलते हैं ?

(ख) ऐसा होने के कारण क्या हैं ?

(ग) क्या सरकार का इस हैड लाइट की कमी को दूर करने का विचार है ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) 106 locomotives of the Northern Railway employed on shunting services in station yards are not fitted with head-lights. The remaining 1245 locomotives employed in hauling trains are fitted with head-lights. Shunting locomotives are normally not equipped with head-lights.

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

लखनऊ डिवीजन में गाड़ियों का लेट चलना

३६४. श्री रघूनाथ सिंह : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सत्य है कि उत्तर रेलवे के लखनऊ डिवीजन में गत दो मास से रेल गाड़ियां लेट चल रही हैं ; तथा

(ख) यदि ऐसा है, तो इसके कारण क्या हैं ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) There was a slight fall in the punctuality of passenger trains on this Division during the months of June and July, 1953. The percentage of trains not losing time was 80 in June and 79 in July, 1953.

(b) This was one of the repercussions, on operation, of the acute shortage of water at Janghai and Suraiwan watering stations and heavy incidence of sickness amongst running staff.