

(b) The researches were carried out in the research stations of the State Agricultural Departments and Central Research Institutes like Indian Agricultural Research Institute, Central Rice Research Institute and Jute Agriculture Research Institute.

(c) Legumes improve the fertility of the soil and a cereal crop following a legume generally gives a better yield than a cereal crop raised without a legume.

(d) The results have been brought into use in almost all the States. In Uttar Pradesh particularly cultivation of legume Mung type I before wheat and barley is being undertaken extensively.

THEFT ON RAILWAYS

26. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of thefts of passengers' luggage on the Northern Railway in 1952-53 and 1953-54;

(b) how these figures compare with those of the previous two years; and

(c) the number of such cases resulting from defects in or want of safety devices in passenger trains during 1952-53 and 1953-54?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a)

1952-53	...	1067
1953-54	...	965

(b) There is no appreciable difference, the corresponding figures for the previous two years being:—

1950-51	...	1038
1951-52	...	1017

(c) Nil.

SEA FREIGHT FOR IRON ORE

27. **Shri Deogam:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) the average monthly export of Iron Ores from Calcutta during

March/June, 1952, March/June, 1953 and March/June, 1954; and

(b) the names of the members of the Calcutta Continental Conference Lines, mentioning their nationalities?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) The average monthly export in Iron Ores from Calcutta during March/June, 1952, March/June, 1953 and March/June, 1954 was 40,000 tons, 54,000 tons and 32,000 tons respectively.

(b) A statement giving the required information is appended. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 34].

रैलवे कर्मचारी

२६. श्री नवल प्रभाकर: क्या रैलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) उत्तरीय रैलवे के शकूर बस्ती छापेखाने में इस समय कितने कर्मचारी काम कर रहे हैं?

(ख) उनमें से कितने कर्मचारी अनुसूचित जाति के हैं?

रैलवे तथा परिवहन उपमंत्रियों (श्री अलगेशान):

(क) १६.

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LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

29. **Th. Jugal Kishore Sinha:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state whether Government have consulted the States concerned on the recommendations of the Local Self-Government Ministers' Conference and taken any action to implement them?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): The Government of India have forwarded to the State Governments the resolutions of the Local Self Government Ministers' Conference, June, 1954, which primarily concern them for information and necessary action.