

जंजीर का खींचा जाना

१०७३. श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) १९५४-५५ में भारतीय रेलों पर जंजीर खींचने के कितने मामले हुए ;

(ख) कितने मामलों में अपराधियों को गिरफ्तार किया गया ;

(ग) कितने लोगों पर मुकदमें चलाये गये ; और

(घ) कितने मामलों में जंजीर खींचने वालों का पता नहीं चला ?

रेलवे तथा परिवहन उपमंत्री (श्री अल्लगेजान) : (क) ४०,३७५

(ख) ५११

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Dual Purpose Cattle

1074. **Shri V.B. Gandhi** : Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Government propose to launch a programme of breeding dual purpose cattle, suitable both for draught as well as milk yielding purposes ?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain) : Cattle breeding work is done by the State Governments, who are primarily responsible for it. The Central Government had laid down an all India Breeding Policy in which the necessity of developing the milk production of draught cattle without affecting their capacity for work has been duly emphasised. The State Governments have agreed to implement this programme. The Central Government as such has no specific scheme or programme for the breeding of dual purpose cattle.

Kudzu Plant

1075. **Shri V.B. Gandhi** : Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of a Japanese plant called " Kudzu " which yields good nutritive fodder for cattle and grows in tracts of extremely low rainfall ;

(b) if so, whether any experiments are being conducted on this plant ; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to secure its extensive cultivation in this country ?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A.P. Jain) : (a) Yes,

b and (c). Experiments carried out at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute have indicated that Kudzu vine can be successfully propagated by planting Kudzu crowns from December to February. The potentialities of Kudzu vine were also ascertained by extensive trials at 13 other centres. The results have been brought to the notice of all the State Governments and were also published in Indian Farming (January 1955 issue). The Community Project Administration have also recommended to the Development Commissioners to conduct trials with Kudzu vine in Project Areas the climatic conditions of which are suitable for the growth of the plant. Crowns are supplied by the Indian Agricultural Research Institute.

Preservation of Potatoes

1076. **Shri N.B. Chowdhury** : Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a method has been evolved by the Agricultural Research Institute for the preservation of potatoes in rural areas without the use of power or cold storage houses; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A.P. Jain) : (a) and (b) A statement is attached (See Appendix X, annexure No. 55.)

passenger Amenities

1077. **Thakur Jugal Kishore Sinha** : Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to lay a statement on the Table of the House showing the broad principles which govern the grant of the following amenities on railway stations;—

- (i) waiting rooms (their size and dimension) ;
- (ii) platform benches ;
- (iii) water-taps, wells and hand-pumps ;
- (iv) platform levels ;
- (v) latrines ;
- (vi) urinals ;
- (vii) bath rooms on platforms ; and
- (viii) furniture of the waiting rooms ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): The broad principles that govern the provision of amenities are indicated below. These are regarded as general guides.

(i) (a) At the small stations waiting facilities may be provided for 67 per cent of the maximum number of passengers dealt with at any one time (excluding Mela Traffic);

(b) At the large stations waiting facilities may be provided for 45 per cent of the maximum number of passengers dealt with at any one time (excluding Mela Traffic). The minimum floor area per passenger catered for in waiting halls (calculated as in (a) and (b) above) is 15 square feet.

(ii) 20 seats per 100 passengers calculated as in (a) and (b) above.

(iii) The number of taps per hundred passengers for drinking water only, calculated as in (a) and (b) above, may not be less than two. When the number of taps provided is more than two, one of the taps is reserved for women.

Where possible drinking water is supplied on platforms by the provision of hydrants. Simultaneously, "Gharas" mounted on wheeled barrows are used for supplying water to passengers in the compartments. The number of barrows depend upon the climatic conditions.

(iv) *Broad Gauge.* The ultimate target is to provide high level platforms at all important main line stations, medium level platforms at less important main line stations and rail level at unimportant road side main line stations.

Metre Gauge. Medium level at all main line stations, where high level cannot be justified Rail level as for Broad Gauge.

Branch lines Broad Gauge and Metre Gauge

As for main line with the substitution of medium for high.

(v) The number of latrine seats per 100 passengers, calculated as in (a) and (b) above, may not be less than four.

Water-borne sanitation is provided wherever this is practicable. Where no water-borne sanitation is available one sweeper is allotted to 8 seats.

(vi) At the larger stations, urinals may be provided at the platforms at the rate of one unit per 50 waiting passengers.

(vii) At junctions or terminal stations where running water is available, bathing arrangements may be provided on the basis of one shower for every 200 waiting

passengers, as calculated in (a) and (b) above. When the number of showers exceeds two, one third of the number may be provided with doors and reserved for women.

(viii) This depends upon the size of the waiting rooms.

Development of Railway Station

1078. Shri Kamath: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Karakbel, Bohani and Bagra-Tawa Railway Stations on the Central Railway have been included for improvement and expansion during the First Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, the main features of their improvement and expansion plan; and

(c) what are the prospects for them during the Second Five Year Plan?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main features of improvement and expansion were paving of platforms provisions of III Class Waiting Hall, benches latrines, and improved water supply arrangements.

(c) Further improvements are under examination.

Post office at Semriharchand

1079. Shri Kamath: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to open a post office at Semriharchand (Gurramkhedi) in Sohabpur tehsil of Hoshangabad District (Madhya Pradesh);

(b) if so, when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) There is already a Branch Post Office at Semriharchand in Hoshangabad District.

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

Road Accidents

**1080. { Shri Bibhuti Mishra :
Shri Raghunath Singh :**

Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of road accidents in 1954 and 1955 (upto June 1955). State-wise; and

(b) the number of fatal cases, State-wise?