

Sardines

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

(a) whether the Government of India have investigated the possibility of packing Oil Sardines of Malabar Coast with a view to developing an export market; and

(b) if so, what are the possibilities?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P.S. Deshmukh): (a) No, since there is no specific problem connected with the marketing of oil sardines overseas.

(b) Does not arise.

Railway Waiting Room Furniture

511. **Thakur Jugal Kishore Sinha**: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1793 on the 13th September, 1956 and state what further action has been taken to standardise the furniture of Railway waiting rooms?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Except on the Central and the Western Railways, where the matter is still under examination, the other Railways have standardised the furniture for waiting rooms, and are providing standard furniture gradually, as and when the existing furniture needs replacement.

Station Consultative Committee at Muzaffarpur

512. **Thakur Jugal Kishore Sinha**: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the names of the Station Consultative Committee that have been formed in Muzaffarpur region?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): Station Consultative Committees have been formed at Muzaffarpur and Banaras in the Muzaffarpur region.

Sleeping Accommodation in Third Class

513. **Shri Dabhi**: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of third class sleeping berths provided on 33 Down and 34 Up (Dehra Dun Express), 201 Up and 202 Down (Delhi Mail) trains on the Western Railway; and

(b) the extent to which the facility has been availed of during the years 1955-56 and 1956-57?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) The number of third class sleeping berths provided on these trains are furnished below:

Train No.	Stations between which sleeping berths are provided	No. of berths provided
33/34 Dehra Dun Expresses	Bombay Central and Delhi Jn.	54
201/202 Delhi—Ahmedabad Mails	Delhi Jn. and Ahmedabad	48

(b) The percentages of utilisation of sleeping berths on these trains during 1955-56 and the first six months of 1956-57 were:

Train No.	Section where sleeping accommodation is provided	1955-56	1956-57
			(first six months)
33 Dn	Bombay Central—Baroda	82%	88%
	Kotah—Delhi	83.5%	75.5%
34 Up	Delhi—Kotah	63.25%	85%
	Baroda—Bombay Central	74.25%	83%
201 Up	Delhi—Phulera	82.5%	87%
202 Dn	Ajmer—Delhi	76.75%	83.5%