

A report about damages to the approach embankment of the bridge due to dumping of coal for use in the Railway pump house and removal of boulder puching by bathers etc, has been received from the North Gujarat Vikas Mandal This is being looked into

Passenger Amenities

508. Shri Pangarkar: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that drinking water is served to the passengers in open buckets at Parbhani, Sailu and Manwath Road Stations on Manmad-Kahiguda line of Central Railway, and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to serve drinking water in covered buckets?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Buckets with lids are being used at Parbhani and Sailu Stations while at Manwath Road ordinary buckets are being used at present

(b) Arrangements are being made to supply buckets with lids to Manwath Road Station also

Export of Foodgrains

510. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the type and quantity of foodgrains exported to neighbouring countries during 1957 (upto the end of April, 1957)?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): 1,000 tons of rice to Saudi Arabia

Bhakra Nangal Project

511. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state

(a) whether the Planning Commission has allotted any amount to the Irrigation and Power Works under the Bhakra Nangal Project during 1956-57, and

(b) what are "the main" works of development undertaken?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri S. K. Patil): (a) An amount of Rs 14.55 crores was advanced by the Central Government as loan to the Governments of Punjab (including PEPSU) and Rajasthan during 1956-57 for Irrigation and Power works.

(b) The main development works undertaken are as follows:

- (i) construction of roads in the areas served by the Bhakra canals,
- (ii) Establishment of *mandies* to facilitate the marketing of exportable surplus commodities produced in the areas irrigated by the project, and
- (iii) Development of factory and residential areas

Import of Foodgrains

512. { Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Supakar:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the quantity of wheat and rice imported during 1957 so far?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain). The following quantities of wheat and rice were imported from the 1st January, 1957 to the 15th May, 1957

Wheat	82 Lakh tons
Rice	42 Lakh tons.

Railway Concessions during Festivals

513. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the number of persons who availed themselves of the passenger travel concessions given during the Dussehra, Dewali, and Christmas holidays in 1955-56 and 1956-57?