

Dining Cars on Trains

77. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of trains from which dining cars have been withdrawn on different zones;

(b) whether any more dining cars are proposed to be withdrawn from any trains; and

(c) whether Government have investigated into the causes due to which passengers are not using the catering facilities on these dining cars?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawas Khan): (a)

Southern	..	2
South Eastern	..	1
Western	..	2
Eastern	..	2
Northern	..	2
Central	..	—
North Eastern	..	—

(b) Yes.

(c) Dining car services are being withdrawn primarily to relieve overcrowding, the intention being to substitute these cars with III class carriages, thereby providing more room for III class passengers.

It is not quite correct that passengers are not using the catering facilities on dining cars, which, generally, are well-patronized

Post Office at Puri Lion's Gate

78. **Shri Panigrahi:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the inconveniences that the people of Puri Town are experiencing due to non-reopening of the post office that was functioning near Puri Lion's gate; and

(b) how long it will take for reopening the said post office?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). Yes; but this Post office will be reopened as soon as the construction of a new building on the old site, which is in progress, is completed.

Sugar

79. { **Shri Bishwanath Roy:**
Shri Rameshwar Tanti:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of sugar exported during 1957 so far; and

(b) the method of sale to the foreign countries?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) 1,31,012 tons of sugar have been exported from January, 1957 to 31st October, 1957.

(b) Export is done by the Indian Sugar Mills Association, which is an organisation of sugar factories in the country. The Association sells sugar through international sugar brokers, Indian merchants and the State Trading Corporation

Theft of Electric Fittings on Railways

80. **Shri M. D. Mathur:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) how much loss Indian Railways have sustained by pilferage and theft of electric fittings in the year 1956-57; and

(b) what steps Government have taken in the matter?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawas Khan): (a) During 1956-57, the total amount of loss sustained by the Indian Railways on account of theft and pilferage of electrical fittings comes approximately to Rs. 26,39,792.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 39.]