

Foodgrains Distribution

1929. Shri Pangarkar: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the quantity of foodgrains distributed through the fair price shops of Bombay from May, 1957 to October, 1957?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): 2.7 lakh tons of Rice and Wheat were distributed in Bombay State during the period May to October, 1957.

Road Accidents in Delhi

1929-A. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of road accidents that have occurred in Delhi and New Delhi during the period from 1st July to 30th November, 1957,

(b) the number of cases which proved fatal due to these accidents; and

(c) whether road accidents are on the increase in Delhi and New Delhi?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) 1948

(b) 70.

(c) No

Death of Monkeys in the Purana Qila Area, New Delhi

1939. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 189 on the 19th July, 1957 and state the latest position of the case against the persons responsible for the death of truck loads of young monkeys in the Purana Qila area in New Delhi on the evening of the 20th March, 1957?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): During the hearing on the 25th November, 1957 two prosecution witnesses were examined. The case was adjourned to the 13th Decem-

ber, 1957 as the remaining 4 prosecution witnesses were not present.

Purchase of Stores

1931. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the total value of stores purchased by the Indian Railways in foreign countries during 1956-57; and

(b) the steps taken to bring down foreign purchases to the minimum?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah nawaz Khan): (a) Rs. 19.85 crores.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix IV, annexure No 103].

Locomotives

1932. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No 153 on the 20th May, 1957 and state the names of the countries from which locomotives were imported in 1956-57?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah nawaz Khan): A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 104].

Railway Accidents

1932. { Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of serious railway accidents which occurred from the 1st July to the 30th of October, 1957 on different Railways;

(b) the total number of persons killed and injured;

(c) the compensation, if any, paid so far; and

(d) whether any prosecution has been launched against the staff for dereliction of duties?