

10. Shri R. C. Shearer, (representing General trade other than Minerals).	} Member
11. Shri H. K. Banerjee, (representing Mineral Ore Traffic).	
12. Shri D. Krishnamurthy, (representing Andhra Chamber of Commerce).	

(b) The Southern and Western parts of Orissa, especially the areas served by the Visakhapatnam-Raipur Railway Line, form part of the hinterland of the Vizagapatam port.

(c) No request for the grant of representation to the State Government of Orissa on the Visakhapatnam Port Advisory Committee has been received.

Per Capita Consumption of Sugar and Gur

2374. Shri Jadhav: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) what is the per capita consumption of Sugar and Gur in India (separate data of each variety);

(b) what was the total production of Sugar and Gur in the year 1956-57; and

(c) whether Gur and Sugar is sufficient for the needs of our country?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) 11.3 lbs. of sugar and 18.5 lbs. of gur.

(b) 20.29 lakh tons of sugar and about 32.57 lakh tons of gur.

(c) Yes.

Manufacture of Railway Signalling Equipment

2375. Shri Rameshwar Tantia: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken to manufacture railways signalling equipment in the country; and

(b) what signal devices or their components are at present being imported?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix VII, annexure No. 69.]

Railway Land

2376. { Sardar A. S. Saigal:
Shri H. N. Mukerjee:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of West Bengal has asked for a plot of land within the Railway settlement of Khargapur on the S.E. Railway for establishing an outdoor dispensary there;

(b) if so, whether any plot has been transferred to the State Government; and

(c) if not, why not?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. Relinquishment plans and schedules for transfer of a plot of Railway land to the West Bengal Government for the establishment of a hospitals have been prepared and are under scrutiny of the Railway Administration.

Mohri Station Accident

2377. Sardar Iqbal Singh: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the amount of compensation, if any, paid so far to the victims of Mohri Railway Station accident?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): Two claims both for injury and loss of property have been decreed so far by the Claims Commissioner; one for

Rs. 500.20 N.P. the other of Rs. 533.60 N.P. A sum of Rs. one lakh has been placed by the Railway at the disposal of the Claims Commissioner for immediate requirements and also an amount of Rs. 3,355/- has so far been paid by the Railway to 55 persons as *ex-gratia* payments.

बालामऊ स्टेशन पर दुर्घटना

२३७८. स्वामी रामानन्द शास्त्री : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि १७ फरवरी १९५८ को बालामऊ स्टेशन पर एक दुर्घटना हुई और रेलवे लाइन को पार करते हुए तीन आदमी बुरी तरह घायल हो गये ; और

(ख) यदि हां तो ऐसी दुर्घटनाओं को रोकने के लिये क्या कदम उठाये गये हैं अथवा उठाये जाने वाले हैं ?

रेलवे उपमंत्री (श्री शाहनवाज खां) :
(क) १७ फरवरी को तीन आदमी बालामऊ स्टेशन पर रेलवे लाइन पार करते हुए एक गाड़ी के इंजन से टकरा गये जो स्टेशन में दाखिल हो रही थी। एक को हलकी और दो को गहरी चोटें आयीं। जिन आदमियों को गहरी चोटें आयी थीं उन में से एक सिविल अस्पताल हरदोई में दाखिल होने के बाद मर गया।

(ख) बालामऊ स्टेशन पर एक ऊपरी-पुल बना हुआ है। स्टेशन पर रोशनी का भी पूरा प्रबन्ध कर दिया गया है। जो लोग रेलवे-लाइनों को पार करने के लिए पुल से होकर नहीं जाते उन्हें ऐसी दुर्घटनाओं से बचाना बड़ा मुश्किल है।

Milk Consumption in Punjab

2379. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to increase the per capita consumption of milk in the Punjab State; and

(b) whether any financial assistance has been given or requested by the Punjab Government?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) The following schemes aiming to increase the supply and consumption of milk and milk products in Punjab are in implementation under the Second Five Year Plan:—

- (i) Establishment of a milk scheme at Chandigarh and at Hissar.
- (ii) Key Village Scheme for improvement of cattle and buffaloes.
- (iii) Gaushala Development scheme.
- (iv) Gosadan Scheme.

The total cost of dairy and cattle improvement schemes, as included in the Second Plan, is Rs. 149 lakhs.

(b) The Punjab Government requested financial assistance amounting to Rs. 8.30 lakhs during 1957-58, of which Rs. 8.17 lakhs was sanctioned by the Central Government.

Pakistani Seamen

2380. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state whether any Pakistani seamen have come to India to earn their livelihood since partition?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): Yes. About 17,200 Pakistani seamen have come to India since the establishment of statutory employment offices in Bombay and Calcutta in 1954 for seeking employment in the Merchant Navy.