

Sugarcane

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there are representations by the agriculturists of Bombay State to increase the rate of sugarcane up to Rs. 56 per ton; and

(b) the quantity of sugar produced by a ton of sugarcane in the State?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) The Central Government have not received any such representations.

(b) 2.5 to 3.4 maunds.

Train Halt at Sidhari

538. Shri Kalika Singh: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have considered the matter of opening a Halt Station at Sidhari to the east of Azamgarh Station and have made an on the spot inquiry and reported the matter in detail;

(b) what was the report in detail of the officer who made the on the spot inquiry;

(c) whether a copy of the report will be laid on the Table;

(d) whether Government have taken a decision in the matter; and

(e) if so, what is it?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) The question of providing a halt station at Sidhari is under examination.

(b) to (e). Do not arise.

Railway Passenger Amenities

539. Shri Onkar Lal: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no water tap at the extended third class waiting hall at Kotah Junction; and

(b) if so, the action proposed to be taken in this regard?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Yes, Sir. To avoid insanitary conditions in the third class waiting hall, no tap has been provided. Adjoining to the waiting hall not only a tap but modern type of sanitary facilities also exist.

(b) Does not arise.

Warehouses in Rajasthan

540. Shri Onkar Lal: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state what are the places selected in Rajasthan State for the construction of warehouses?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): Final selection has not yet been made but it has been tentatively decided by the Central Warehousing Corporation to have warehouses at the following places in Rajasthan State during 1958-59:

(i) Kotah,

(ii) Sri Ganganagar.

Waiting Rooms at Stations

541. Shri Onkar Lal: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that there are no waiting rooms on Baran and Salpura Railway Stations of Kotah District on Western Railway; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to provide waiting rooms on these stations?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Volume of upper class passenger traffic dealt with at Baran and Salpura does not justify the provision of upper class waiting rooms. The question of extending the III Class waiting hall at both these stations will be placed before the Railway Users' Amenities Committee.