

Sale of Fans

3044. Shri Radhamohan Singh: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether 1,000 new electric fans were sold to Messrs Satyanarayan Bagh Chand of Kanpur by the North Eastern Railway in March, 1957;

(b) if so, what was the sale price obtained; and

(c) the price for which they had been purchased and what was the reason for their sale?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) No, only 36 D. C. unused fans (16 ceiling and 20 table fans) were sold.

(b) Total Sale value Rs. 1494-30 n.p. (at Rs. 41-51 n.p. each).

(c) Total purchase value from defence surplus, was Rs. 2636. (at Rs. 91 each for ceiling fans and Rs. 60-50 n.p. each for table fans).

These fans purchased nearly ten years ago were rendered surplus due to change over from D.C. to A.C. electric supply and were not required by the owning and other railways.

Misuse of Railway warrants on Central Railways

3046. Shri Assar: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some cases are lodged before the Railway Magistrates on account of misuse of warrants by the Military officers on the Central Railways; and

(b) the number of such cases in 1956-57 and 1957-58?

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

(b) 3 in 1956-57 and 3 in 1957-58.

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३०४७. श्री डभर : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बनाने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या पश्चिम रेलवे के रतलाम धीर जोधरा स्टेशनों के बीच रेलवे लाइन को दोहरा करने का काम प्रस्तावित धन राशि से नियत अवधि में पूरा हो जायेगा ?

रेलवे उपमंत्री (श्री सै० बे० रामा-खान): : दाहरी लाइन बिछाने का काम निर्धारित कार्यक्रम के अनुसार हो रहा है। पटरी, स्लॉपर और मिट्टी डालने के प्रतिरूपत काम की लागत बढ़ जाने के कारण इस काम की अनुमानित लागत लगभग ६ प्रतिशत बढ़ जाने की संभावना है।

Family Planning

3048. Shri Ghosal: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey was made regarding birth-rate after the family planning programme was launched; and

(b) if so, in which area and with what result?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): (a) No survey regarding birth-rate has yet been started to measure the reduction in birth-rates for the country as a whole after the family planning programme has been launched. Special studies are, however, in progress to measure the acceptability and effectiveness of family planning methods in reducing the pregnancy rates. Some of these studies are designed to measure the reduction in birth rates after starting the family planning programme.

(b) The special studies mentioned at (a) above are being conducted in Uttar Pradesh at Itaunja and Lawar, in Punjab at Khanna, in Bombay State at Bombay, in West Bengal at Singur and in Mysore State at Ramanagram. The studies are in progress and it is considered premature to draw any general conclusion.