

**Wheat with Roller Flour Mills in Punjab**

756. **Shri Ram Krishan:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the total quantity of wheat requisitioned so far by the Central Government from the roller flour mills in Punjab?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain):** The Central Government have not requisitioned any quantity of wheat from the roller flour mills in Punjab.

**Reduction in Running Time of Trains**

757. **Shri Siddiah:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the time taken to travel a distance of 38 miles from Chamarajanagar to Mysore is 3 hours 15 minutes;

(b) whether representations have been received to reduce the time to 2 hours as passengers prefer to travel by buses which will cover the distance within 2 hours; and

(c) if so, the action taken thereon?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan):** (a) The overall time taken by trains running between Mysore and Chamarajanagar ranges between 2 hours and 50 minutes and 3 hours and 50 minutes

(b) Yes.

(c) As the trains between Mysore and Chamarajanagar run with the maximum booked speed on the various sections, it is not feasible to speed up the trains. The representationists have been informed of the position.

**Incidence of Kala-Azar in India**

758. **Shri V. P. Nayar:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) the present incidence of Kala-Azar in India; and

(b) the details of studies made recently or being made of the parasite *Leishmania donovani*?

**The Minister of Health (Shri Kar-markar):** (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

**Cholera**

759. **Shri V. P. Nayar:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether any studies are now being conducted on the phage typing of organisms causing cholera;

(b) the work, if any, done so far of classifying pathogenic bacteria in respect of their behaviour to viruses;

(c) whether by such work the foci and lines of spread of infection of cholera has been traced in India; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

**The Minister of Health (Shri Kar-markar):** (a) Yes. Studies on phage typing of organisms causing Cholera are being conducted at the Indian Institute for Bio-chemistry and Experimental Medicine, Calcutta (under the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research).

The Indian Council of Medical Research is also sponsoring a study at a centre to examine again the possibility of typing vibrio strains with the aid of bacteriophages and to study the relationship between organisms causing cholera and other related organisms.

(b) Many studies are being conducted on such inter-relationships, but a general classification of either pathogenic bacteria or viruses, based on such studies, is not possible. However, the Indian Institute for Bio-chemistry and Experimental Medicine has undertaken classification of cholera organisms (*Vibrio cholerae*) according to their reaction to cholera bacteriophages. One hundred and sixty-eight strains of cholera bacteriophage have been isolated so far from stools of cholera patients, strains of *V. Cholerae*, Ganga water and sewage water. These are classified into four