

- (2) Shade provided by locally available material, viz., jute stalks seems to be quite suitable for the production of high quality thin-bodied leaf
- (3) Considerable experience and technical know-how has been built up in the culture, curing and handling of this tobacco
- (4) There are strong indications of the possibility of cigar wrapper tobacco becoming a commercial success in India.

**Multipurpose Food**

940. { Shri Barman:  
Shri Subodh Hansda:  
Shri S. C. Samanta.

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state

(a) whether steps have been taken to improve the quality of Indian diet and to raise the level of nutrition, and

(b) if so, the nature of steps taken so far?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) and (b) Yes, some steps are being taken. For example, certain protein-rich foods have been developed by the Central Food Technological Research Institute Mysore and arrangements have been made for the manufacture and distribution of such foods on an experimental scale. The question of establishing additional units of production in different States is under consideration. Certain school-feeding programmes have been undertaken in some of the States and these aim at correcting the nutritional deficiencies in the diet of school-going children. What further measures can be taken is under examination in connection with the preparation of the Third Five Year Plan.

**Ayurvedic Pharmaceutical Products**

941. { Shri S. C. Samanta:  
Shri Subodh Hansda:

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No 2261 on the 6th May, 1959 and state

(a) whether the recommendations made by the Udupa Committee about the nature, volume and standard of Ayurvedic Pharmaceutical products have since been examined, and

(b) if so, the decision taken thereon?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmakar): (a) and (b). The matter is still under the consideration of Government.

**Report by Deputy Director, Rotterdam Port**

942. { Shri Subodh Hansda:  
Shri S. C. Samanta.  
Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:  
Shri Panigrahi:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state

(a) whether the report of Mr Posthuma, Deputy Director, Port of Rotterdam who visited India at the end of 1958 has been received by Government, and

(b) if so, the main recommendations made in his report?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b) Only an advance copy of Mr Posthuma's report has been received and it is being examined. In Mr Posthuma's opinion, the most promising site for a subsidiary port in the Calcutta region appears to be north of the Haldia River estuary. He has suggested that, before taking a final decision in the matter, certain technical investigations in regard to the depths that can be made available over the Auckland Bar and Beaumont's Gut by dredging and certain studies regarding waves, currents, tides, etc should be undertaken. These suggestions are being examined. In the

meantime, steps are being taken to use Haldia as an anchorage for lightening or topping up of ships proceeding to or coming from Calcutta, with effect from the next fair season in November, 1959.

#### Interference with Rail Services

943. **Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cases of interference with rail services on the Eastern and South Eastern Railways (pulling of alarm chains, holding up of trains by squatters on rail tracks, manhandling of railway staff etc. within the boundary of West Bengal) as a protest against slow, late and ill-timed running of trains, frequent changes in train timings and non-compliance of requests of passengers for additional stops and halts for some trains, have been on the increase lately;

(b) if so, what are the actual facts thereabout; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to bring the situation under control?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawas Khan): (a) The number of cases of interference by passengers with suburban train services of the Eastern and South Eastern Railways in so far as the State of West Bengal is concerned during each of the last 12 months ended June 1959 are indicated below:—

Month	Number of cases of interference	
	Eastern Railway	South Eastern Railway
1958—		
July	3	1
August	2	2
September	6	..
October	..	1
November	2	..
December	..	..
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4</b>

1959—

January	1	..
February	1	..
March	1	..
April	4	..
May	3	1
June	..	..
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>

From the above it will be seen that such cases are not on the increase lately.

(b) A statement is, however, laid on the Table. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 64].

(c) In so far as the demand of the passengers pertaining to stoppages of suburban trains at certain stations, augmentation of loads of local trains etc., is concerned, the same are duly considered and fulfilled as far as possible. Efforts are being made and will continue to be made to run the suburban trains to time. The law and order question is also brought, from time to time, to the notice of the West Bengal Government.

#### Fish

944. { Shri B. C. Majhi:  
Shri Sabeda Hanada:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether researches have been carried out on the processing of fish and utilisation of fish products by the Processing Wing of the Central Fisheries Technological Research Station at Cochin; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to popularise these methods?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) Researches on problems of fish processing and utilisation of by-products have been started at the Central Fisheries Technological Research Station, Ernakulam, from October, 1958.