

of the edible groundnut flour so produced in the manufacture of multipurpose food. The multipurpose food will be used partly in school lunch programmes, hospitals, welfare-centres, acceptability trials etc. and partly for sale to the general public in gradually increasing quantities. In the light of the experience gained from the operation of these two pilot plants the possibility of establishing further units in the course of the Third Five Year Plan period will be considered.

Kakinada Railway Passenger Association

869. Shri Ramam: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Deputy Minister for Railways addressed a meeting organised by the Kakinada Town Railway Passengers' Association on the 15th October, 1961 in Kakinada;

(b) if so, whether any grievances were referred to by the speakers at the meeting;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken thereon?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) and (b). Yes.

(c) and (d). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 11].

Food Gifts from U.S.A.

870. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that food gifts provided by the United States found their way into the shops where they have been sold according to the statement made by the United States Ambassador at Trivandrum;

(b) whether any enquiry has been instituted into the matter; and

(c) if so, the result thereof?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir, reports have at times been received of gift food supplies received from U.S.A. having found their way into the market. Such cases, however, have been few and far between. Whenever such a report is received, an enquiry is made to find out the source of leakage and action is taken in consultation with the receiving agency concerned to have the distributor concerned disqualified for receipt of further supplies of gifts for distribution. It has been found that generally such leakages take place from the distributors of the American receiving agencies who distribute the gifts on behalf of those agencies.

Longest Platform

871. Shri Subiman Ghose: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Railways have got the longest platform in the world in any Station;

(b) if so, where it is;

(c) at what cost it was built including the shed and cover on it; and

(d) what was the number of inward and outward passenger traffic at that station in 1960 and 1961 so far?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) and (b). As far as India is concerned the longest platform is at Kurukshetra on the Northern Railway.

So far as information regarding railway platforms outside India is concerned, particulars are not readily available.

(c) Rs. One lakh approximately.

(d) No. of passengers (in lacs)

	Inward	Outward
during 1960	4.07	3.99
during 1961 upto October only	4.58	3.42