

In the context of unsettled train running conditions in Eastern part of the country caused by floods and in view of changes in pattern of train services consequent upon the opening of the Farrakka Barrage in November, 1971, the issue of Winter Time-Table of 1971 was postponed from October to November. In view of Emergency and its aftermath, the issue of Summer Time-Table of 1972 was postponed to May.

Progress made on Central Railway Zone

6302. SHRI S. C. SAMANTA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the progress made on the Central Railway in the matter of speeding up of trains and introduction of new train services during the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. HANUMANTHAIYA) : During the last three years, 12 non-suburban trains and 53 suburban trains were introduced/extended and 14 trains were speeded up by 30 minutes or more on Central Railway.

Central assistance to Punjab for assessing water requirement for agriculture, industry and power generation

6303. SHRI P. M. MEHTA :
SHRI P. GANGADEB :

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Government have granted any loan to the Punjab Government for launching a project to assess the requirement of water for agriculture industry and power generation ; and

(b) if so, the salient features of the project ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. N. KUREEL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

Railway wagons for salt industry at dhrangadhra and wheat Merchants of Rajkot

6304. SHRI P. M. MEHTA :
SHRI PRABHUDAS PATEL :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be

pleased to state :

(a) whether the Salt Industry at Dhrangadhra is facing the problem of glut due to shortage of railway wagons ;

(b) whether wheat merchants of Rajkot are experiencing great difficulty due to the shortage of rail wagons and whether about 800 wheat bags in town are awaiting outward movement ; and

(c) if so, whether Railways are considering any proposal to provide 400 wagons as demanded to clear both wheat and salt from the said stations ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) to (c). During the period from 1st January 1972 to 5th May 1972, 96 Broad Gauge and 4035 Metre Gauge wagons of salt from Dhrangadhara and 246 wagons of wheat from Rajkot were loaded. While every effort is being made to step up loading further, allocation of any specific number of wagons to any particular station is not possible, available wagons being distributed among different stations for loading different commodities according to priority and seniority of registration.

कुलू गोंद का निर्यात

6305. श्री भरविन्द नेताम : क्या विदेश व्यापार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश से कुलू गोंद का निर्यात किया जाता है ; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो पिछले वर्ष उसका कितना निर्यात किया गया ?

विदेश व्यापार मन्त्रालय में उप-मंत्री (जी ए० सी० जार्ज) : (क) और (ख). हम कोई राज्यवार निर्यात आंकड़े नहीं रखते। वर्ष 1970-71 में 520,75,752 रुपये मूल्य के 103,37,851 किन्ना० गोंद का निर्यात किया गया था। "कुलू गोंद" के सम्बन्ध में हमारे पास पृथक आंकड़े उपलब्ध नहीं हैं।