

Light and Water arrangements on Industrial siding at Bikaner

3214. Shri Karni Singhji: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that though the industrial siding at Bikaner has considerably expanded, there are no proper and adequate light and water arrangements there thus causing great hardship to the users; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken or proposed to be taken to provide these amenities?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):

(a) and (b). Yes. The work of providing lighting arrangements on the industrial siding has been taken up and is nearing completion. The provision of water supply is being examined.

Linking of Kotah with Delhi and Bombay by Double Track

3215. Shri Brij Raj Singh Kotah: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government contemplate laying a double track railway line up to Kotah from both Delhi and Bombay;

(b) if so, when the work will be started; and

(c) if the reply to part (a) above be in the negative, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy):

(a) to (c). Out of a total route mileage of 864 miles between Bombay and Delhi via Kota, double line already exists on various sections covering a distance of 478 miles. Out of the balance of 386 miles, doubling of 117 miles between Bayana and Lakheri has been included in the Budget for 1962-63. With this doubling there will be only three single line sections on the entire trunk route, covering

269 miles, where adequate line capacity exists to deal with the traffic anticipated in the third plan.

Subsidiary Food Crops

**3216. { Shri M. K. Kumaran:
Shri Shree Narayan Das:**

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

(a) the steps taken regarding the implementation of the scheme for development of vegetable production in the country as a means to foster and encourage cultivation of subsidiary food crops; and

(b) the result achieved?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) A scheme on vegetable production in the country has been included in the Third Five Year Plan under which development work will be undertaken through:—

- (i) seed certification and supply of genuine seeds;
- (ii) providing technical advice on agronomic practices;
- (iii) providing plant protection measures; and
- (iv) bringing additional area under vegetable cultivation.

A sum of Rs. 47 lakhs has been provided in the Third Plan for implementing this scheme in the States of Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Madras, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal, Rajasthan, Assam, Mysore, Himachal Pradesh and Pondicherry.

(b) The scheme has been initiated only in the year 1962 in the Third Five Year Plan and it is too early to report any results.

Mango Fruit in Kerala

3217. Shri M. K. Kumaran: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state: