

(a) whether Government give any incentive to persons who submit paper for better designs, construction, maintenance and operation of steam locos and Electric locomotives;

(b) if so, what kind of incentives are given ;and

(c) the number of people given awards in the past in this respect?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Incentives are given in the following form:

- (i) Cash Rewards;
 - (ii) Advance Increments;
 - (iii) Preference for grant of study leave;
 - (iv) Commendation remarks recorded in the Service Files; and
 - (v) Scholarships to the children etc.
- (c) About 78 employees have been awarded from 1957 to the end of 1961.

Supply of Fertilizers

450. { Shri Kolla Venkaiah:
Shrimati Laxmi Bai:
Shri Karni Singhji:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Umanath:
Shri M. N. Swamy:

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

(a) the quotas of Ammonium Sulphate and different other fertilizers advised by the Central Fertilizer Pool for distribution to various States by the Fertilizer Corporation of India in 1959-60, 1960-61, 1961-62 and 1962-63;

(b) the quantities of different varieties of fertilizers distributed in different quarters of 1959-60, 1960-61 and 1961-62;

(c) the basis for this distribution; and

(d) the quantities of different fertilizers demanded by various States during 1959-60, 1960-61, 1961-62 and 1962-63?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) and (b) Allocation of fertilisers from Sindri and Nangal factories of the Fertiliser Corporation of India and the quantity distributed by the Central Fertilizer Pool I in different years from this source are given in the statements laid on the Table of the House. Placed in Library. [See No. LT-309/62]

(c) Nitrogenous fertilizers are generally allotted on the basis of the demands received from different States and the available supply. Consideration is also given to carry-over stocks likely to be available with the States, the past off-take and special reasons such as drought conditions, damage to crops due to excessive rain-fall, capacity of the farmers to use fertilizers etc.

(d) The requisite information is Placed in Library. [See No. LT-309/62]

Power Supply cut in the States

451. { Shri Kolla Venkaiah:
Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
Shri Tridib Kumar Chaud
Shri Umanath:
Shri Subbaraman:
Shri Muthiah:
Shri Mohammad Elias:

Will the Minister of **Irrigation and Power** be pleased to state:

(a) the States that have introduced the Electric Power cut in the supply;

(b) the percentage of power cut in the supply in various States;

(c) whether the existing agricultural load is maintained in various States that have undertaken the cut;

(d) whether the Industrial power supply is maintained in the States who have resorted to cut; and

(e) to which branches of supply the cut is applied?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Shri Alagesan): (a) to (e). Information is being collected from the State Governments and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Assistant Surgeons

452. Shri Priya Gupta: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether a percentage of Assistant Surgeons (Doctors) in Class III have been declared to be in gazetted rank;

(b) if so, what is the percentage;

(c) whether these Gazetted Assistant Surgeons would be from Class II or Class I cadre;

(d) the scales of their pay; and

(e) whether the service conditions of Class III and class II will govern these Assistant Surgeons?

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

(a) to (c). No percentage has been laid down. All Assistant Surgeons after completion of 5 years service are eligible for honorary gazetted rank;

(d) The existing scale of pay of Assistant Surgeons, viz. Rs. 335—20—475—25—575—EB—25—650 will be applicable even to those who are granted the honorary gazetted status.

(e) This is under consideration.

First-aid Examination for Promotion of Railway Employees

453. Shri Priya Gupta: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether passing of First-Aid examination is a pre-requisite condition for earning next increment in the pay-scales in respect of Train examiners, Drivers, Shunters, Firemen, Guards, TTE's; and

(b) if so, whether Government have made any arrangements for these railway employees to get training or

lectures in First-aid at their working places?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Yes.

(b) First-Aid training is afforded at the headquarters of the railway employees where there is a railway dispensary or health unit. At stations where no such facilities are available staff are required to go to the nearest available dispensary or training centres.

Death of Animals in Delhi Zoo

454. Shri Surendra Pal Singh: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) how many animals have died in the Delhi Zoo during the past six months;

(b) the species of the dead animals; and

(c) the main causes of their death?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhab Singh): (a) From February to July 1962. 75 animals and birds died in the Delhi Zoo, belonging to 42 different species.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table. [See Appendix I annexure 53].

(c) The main causes of death are given below:—

(1) Attrition (losses due mainly to shock during shipment and handling before an animal can adapt itself to conditions within the Zoo)	22
[(2) Killed by predators	1
(3) Cold blast	4
(4) Killed by cage mates	4 (mostly birds)
(5) Exposure to rain	4 (mostly birds)
(6) Snake bites	4
(7) Enteritis	4
(8) Paralysis	3
(9) Senility (old age)	2
(10) Miscellaneous diseases	13
Total	75