

(b) if so, whether the proposal has been accepted by the Ministry of Mines and Fuel?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) The idea to utilise unyielding oil survey wells for purposes of supply of drinking water is under consideration. No specific proposal in this connection has yet been worked out and referred to the Ministry of Mines & Fuel. In informal talks with Minister for Health the Minister of Mines & Fuel was sympathetic to this idea.

(b) Does not arise.

Free Railway Passes for P. & T. Staff

1174. Shri Yashpal Singh: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) which categories of the Officers of Posts and Telegraphs Department are issued free railway passes (Card Passes etc.);

(b) what are the checks to see that these officers do not misuse these passes for private purposes;

(c) whether any form like the one filled in by Members of Parliament on the completion of their journeys is also required to be filled in by these officers/staff at the destination station to check the malafide use of such card passes; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Bhagavati): (a) A list is placed on the Table of the House. [See appendix II, annexure No. 15].

(b) Misuse of passes renders an official liable for disciplinary action. They are kept in the custody of responsible officers in the larger offices and are subject to check by the Railway Staff.

(c) No.

(d) The form required to be filled in by Members of Parliament is for the purpose of raising necessary debit by the Railways against the LokRajya

Sabha Secretariat. Cost of journeys undertaken by officers of the Posts and Telegraphs Department by using duty card passes is not to be paid to the Railways and consequently such forms are not required to be filled in by the personnel of the Posts and Telegraphs Departments.

Railway Line from Ongole to Hyderabad

1175. Shri M. N. Swamy: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh proposed the construction of a new Railway line from Ongole to Hyderabad during the Third Plan period; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Central Government?

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

(b) The proposal is not included in the Railway's programme of construction of new lines for the Third Five Year Plan.

Deficiency in Foodgrains

1176. Dr. K. L. Rao: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the deficiency in foodgrains during the last three years in respect of (i) Rice and (ii) Wheat;

(b) what are the costs involved in obtaining these from outside in respect of following (i) price paid (ii) shipping costs (iii) miscellaneous expenditure;

(c) whether there are projects undertaken already, which if completed earlier, can make good the deficiencies in respect of (i) Rice and (ii) Wheat; and

(d) if so, whether Government intend to accelerate these projects on priority basis to stop further imports?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) It is difficult to estimate precisely the consumption requirements of foodgrains in India where a large number of consumers are producers themselves. During the last three financial years 1959-60, 1960-61 and 1961-62 the nett distribution of imported rice and wheat from Central stocks, however, was approximately as follows:—

(in million metric tons)

Grain	Quantity
Rice	1.0
Wheat	9.5

This may be taken to be a rough measure of the deficiency of foodgrains in the country during the last 3 years and it would work out to an average of about 3,30,000 tons of rice and 3.2 million tons of wheat.

(b) The average economic costs involved in obtaining rice and wheat from outside during the financial years 1959-60, 1960-61 and 1961-62 were as follows:—

(All rates in Rupees per metric ton)

Commodity	Price of grain. F.O.B. supplying country	Sea Freight	Incidentals in India	Total
Rice	472.04	47.29	49.83	569.16
Wheat.	285.37	40.80	61.27	387.44

(c) and (d). All possible steps are being taken to increase the production of foodgrains in the country. The various schemes under the Third Five Year Plan are being executed as expeditiously as possible and it is expected that if the target of production of 100 million tons for the Third Five Year Plan period is achieved, the country will become self-sufficient in foodgrains.

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Bhagavati): (a) and (b). Two major accidents involving IAC Indian Airlines Corporation aircraft took place during the current year. A statement giving details thereof is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 16].

Air Accidents

1177. { Shri Inder J. Malhotra:
Shri Sarkar Murmu:
Shri P. C. Borooah:

Will the Minister of **Transport and Communications** be pleased to state:

(a) the nature and number of accidents met by the IAC planes flying on various routes in the country during 1962 so far; and

(b) the type of inquiries instituted and their findings?

बम्बई में बूचड़खाना

११७८. श्री तनसिंह : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने को कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि बम्बई में एक नया बूचखान (देवनार बूचड़खाना) खोलने की योजना बनाई गई है ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि उसमें प्रतिदिन ६०० भेड़ बकरी, ३०० गाय बैल और १०० सूअर काटने की क्षमता होगी ;

(ग) इस योजना पर कितना रुपया खर्च किया जायेगा ;