

an effective manner and in a determined manner?

SHRI KAMALAPATI TRIPATHI: The question is not, I think, connected with this.

PROF. N. G. RANGA: There is a collusion between your staff and the unauthorised passengers.

SHRI KAMALAPATI TRIPATHI: Let me tell you, whenever we get information, we take very strong action against them. We shall be taking very strong action against those who act like this. I would request the members of the House to give me information, if they have got such information, so that I may take action against them.

Refrigerated Wagons

*265. **SHRI K. A. RAJAN:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any programme to provide refrigerated wagons for the safe and quick transport of easily perishable items of food;

(b) whether Government increased the number of refrigerated wagons for the transport of fish to interior places; and

(c) if so, the quantity of fish transported at present per day in refrigerated wagons in the country?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Railways already have 7 BG and 4 MG refrigerated vans for transport of fish and perishable traffic. There is at present no programme for manufacture of more such vans for want of traffic.

(b) No.

(c) The present per day average quantity of fish transported in refri-

gerated vans is about 65 quintals for 1979-80.

SHRI K. A. RAJAN: It is quite explicit from the very answer that the total quantity of marine products and perishable goods in transit was 65 quintals per day in 1979-80 and, according to the Minister's statement, the number of wagons or refrigerated vans is 7 BG and 4 MG only. The very pattern of export has changed in the present situation, especially of marine products. You know, Sir, that big businessmen and big exporters can very well afford to have their own refrigerated vans and all these facilities, but the poor fisherman cannot get a paisa at the catching site and they find it difficult to send their product to the business site because of non-availability of transport for marine products and perishable goods. So, as this comes under the priority list, will the Minister be pleased to put more wagons on the rails, of this type, in the best interests of the fishermen as well as in the best interests of consumers?

SHRI MALLIKARJUN: In the best interests of fishermen and in the best interests of the country, definitely the suggestion of the Hon. Member would be examined, but the present position is this.

SHRI K. A. RAJAN: In case he would be pleased to examine it, I would like to know whether in my State, which produces the maximum tonnage of marine products and which is one of the highest exporting States, the Minister would be pleased to put more wagons, in the best interests of the consumers as well as the fishermen.

SHRI MALLIKARJUN: It is a later issue Sir.

श्री जगपाल सिंह : मंत्री महोदय यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि जो मछली और इस तरह के दूसरे खाद्य पदार्थ हैं जो पेरिशेबल हैं, बहुत जल्दी खराब होते हैं और

रेल की जो आजकल सुविधाएं हैं उसमें बहुत समय लगता है, इस को देखते हुए क्या रेल विभाग ने उन को ऐसे पदार्थों के पहुंचाने में कोई बरीयता देने की व्यवस्था की है और उन की सुरक्षा के लिए रेलवे विभाग ने स्वयं कोई व्यवस्था की है? यदि की है तो क्या की है?

SHRI MALLIKARJUN: So far as refrigerated vans are concerned, it is understood that perishable items including marine products like fish will be kept preserved in them.

SHRI R. K. MHALGI: May I know from the hon. Minister the break-up of the 7 BG and 4 MG refrigerated vans zone-wise?

SHRI MALLIKARJUN: Six of these refrigerated vans have been kept in the south-eastern and eastern Railways; four of the MG or metre-gauge vans have been kept in the Southern Railway; two are on the line from Rameshwaram to Madras and two are in some other part of the South.

SHRI GHULAM RASOOL KOCHAK: I want to know whether refrigerated air-conditioned wagons are available for transportation of perishable fruits from Jammu to Delhi and if so, how many wagons are available.

SHRI MALLIKARJUN: No such thing is available at the moment from Jammu to Delhi.

SHRI M. M. LAWRENCE: From the reply of the hon. Minister, it is evident that not a single wagon has been allotted to Kerala State. Will the hon. Minister concerned end this discrimination against Kerala at least in this issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): Recently there is some demand for refrigerated wagons. As my colleague has just now explained, we are getting it examined; it is under active consideration to enhance the capacity

of wagons so that we can make available the wagons to almost all the regions where perishable goods can be moved faster.

SHRI NARAYAN CHOUBEY: From the reply of the hon. Minister it is clear that the Railways are in shortage of these wagons. Is there any long term plan on the part of the Railways to see that the wagons are increased in number and if so, when is this going to happen?

SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF: As I have already said, there is no programme as such. It is only recently that people have approached saying that an assured market is going to be there and they want speedy movement of perishable goods. As I have already said, it is under active consideration.

Repair of Traction Motors

*266. **SHRI KRISHNA CHANDRA HALDER:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to repair the traction motors in time; and

(b) the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) Traction Motor Repair Shops have been set up for different Zonal Railways. Assistance from M/s. Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited, Bhopal, is also taken for such repairs. Similarly, capacity available in the Private Sector is also made use of for Traction Motor repairs.

(b) Kanchrapara Workshop on Eastern Railway is the biggest Traction Motor Repair Shop. Some of the other Traction Motor Workshops are