## Wagons for Food Articles for Ration Shops

\*348. SHRI A. NEELALOHI-THADASAN NADAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the complaint that the Railway wagons are not being allotted in time for carrying food articles to Kerala to be distributed through ration shops;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) what action has been taken by Government on the complaints;

(d) whether Government had taken any steps to avoid the delay in the allotment of wagons; and

(e) if so, the details in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) and (b). In November, 1980 Chief Minister, Kerala had reported about inadequate supply of wagons for movement of foodgrains to Kerala North Zone and Andhra from Pradesh. A minimum movement of one lakh tonnes per month was requested to be organised for meeting the requirement of rice for public distribution system in that State.

(c) to (e). Movement of sponsored foodgrains to various States is organised as per monthly programmes drawn up by the Food Corporation of India in consultation with the Railways. For Kerala, movement is mainly organised from stations on Northern and South Central Railways. During the period September, 1980 to November, 1980, movement from stations on Northern and South Central Railways to Kerala was as under :---

(In tonnes approx)

		Programme Loading from sta- tions on Northern & South Central Railways to Kerala				
1980						
September			63,000	<b>64,32</b> 0		
October .			63,000	<b>66,29</b> 6		
November	•	•	63,000	70,280		

From the figures given above, it is clear that the loading was more than the agreed programme. In December, the Food Corporation of India in coordination with the Railways had taken action for stepping up the movement of sponsored foodgrains lo one lakh tonnes per month to Kerala. The actual movement from stations on Northern and South Central Railways to Kerala has been as under :--

		(in tonnes)	
December, 1980		1,07,080	
January, 1981 .		1,01,624	
February, 1981		1,02,856	

## Modernisation of Signalling system

## \*349. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARI :

SHRI RAJESH KUMAR SINGH :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering to modernise the signalling system to avoid accidents; 4<sup>1</sup> Written Answers PHALGUNA 21, 1902 (SAKA) written Answers 42

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how long it will take to replace the system ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Yes.

(b) On the Group A and B routes multi-aspect signalling is being provided along with complete track circuiting of the station sections on a programmed basis. On routes with a maximum speed of 120 kmph or more and on the suburban sections of Bombay, Calcutta and Madras. Automatic Warning System is being provided on a programmed basis.

(c) To replace the existing signalling and provide multiple aspect signalling on the group Aand B routes it would take about 10 years depending on the availability of resources.

## सूरत जिले के लिए कोयला-वैगनों की मांग

\* 350. भी छीतूमाई गामित : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कुपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गुजरात में सूरत जिले के विभिन्न उद्योगों की कितने कोयला वैगनों की मांग है: (ख) वर्ष 1980 में, इन उद्योगों के लिए कितने वैंगन स्वीकृत हुए थे झौर उन्हें कितने वैंगन माहवार सप्लाई किए गए;

(ग) सूरत जिले में उद्योगों को झाव-श्यकता से कम वैंगनों का झावंटन किए जाने के क्या कारण हैं; ग्रौर

(घ) सरकार ढारा सूरत जिले के उद्योगों को कोयले के वैंगन सप्लाई करने के लिए क्या प्रभावशाली उपाय किए जा रहे हैं ग्रौर उनकी शेव मांग को कब तक पूरा कर दिया जाएगा ?

रेस मंत्रासय तथा संसदीय कार्य विमाग में उप मंत्री (थी मल्लिकार्जुन): (क) ग्रौर (ख). रेलें कोयला के लदान के जिला-वार ग्रांकड़े नहीं रखती। तथापि, कुछ क्षेत्रों से प्राप्त ग्रांकड़े (ग्रनुबंध-I) सभा पटल पर रख दिए गए हैं।

(ग) झौर (व). इस्पात कारखानों, बिजलीघरों, सीमेंट कारखानों झादि जैसे प्राथमिकता प्राप्त उपभोक्ताझों की झावश्यक-ताझों को पूरा करने बाद कोयला की समग्र उपलब्धता देश में सभी उपभोक्ताझों की समूची झावश्यकताझों को पूरा करने के लिए पर्याप्त नहीं है। झतः, रेलें देश में सभी उपभोक्ताझों को जिन में सूरत जिला भी शामिल है, बराबरी के झाधार पर कोयला का बितरण करती हैं। रेल ढारा ढलाई के लिए झौर झधिक कोयला उपलब्ध होने पर सूरत जिले तथा झन्य जिलों को भी कोयले के संचलन को उत्तारोक्तर बढ़ा दिया जाएगा ।