

enhancing the punishment for unauthorised pulling of alarm chain to Rs 250 and to imprisonment of either description which may extend to 8 months

- (14) The Intelligence Branch of the Railway Protection Force, in conjunction with the police keeps surveillance on the criminals operating on Railways and passes on any intelligence collected to the District Police or the G.R.P. concerned

Noiseless Trains

- *185. { Shri Ram Krishan Gupta.
Shri S C Samanta:
Shri Subodh Hansda.

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No 775 on the 25th August, 1959 and state at what stage is the question of reducing noise in trains and acceleration of speed of trains?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): The question of reducing noise in the trains and increasing the speed of the trains continues to receive the attention of the Ministry of Railways

Fire in Krishi Bhavan

- *186 { Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:
Shri Ram Krishan Gupta.
Sardar Iqbal Singh:
Shri A M Tariq:
Shri R. C. Majhi:
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri Pramathanath Banerjee:
Shri Khushwaqt Rai:
Shri Vajpayee:
Shri Amar:
Shri Hem Raj:
Shri Hem Barua:
Shri Warrior:
Shri Punnoose:
Shri Vasudevan Nair:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that a fire broke out on the 14th September, 1959 in Krishi Bhavan;

(b) the nature of damage caused; and

(c) the exact cause of the fire?

The Deputy Minister of Agriculture (Shri M V. Krishnappa): (a) Yes

(b) Some old exhibits, packing cases and some exhibition materials were burnt or damaged

(c) Not known

Mixing of Petrol with Diesel Oil

- *187 { Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri S. C. Samanta.
Shri R. C. Majhi:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that the Road Development Council has made a proposal for mixing 10 per cent petrol in diesel oil used in transport vehicles,

(b) whether the effect of this mixture has been tested by experts, and

(c) if so, the result obtained?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes

(b) and (c) Due to certain technical and administrative difficulties of storage, transportation and distribution, the proposal for mixing 10 per cent petrol with diesel oil has not been pursued further. The Ministry of Steel, Mines and Fuel have, however, advised the Refinery Companies to produce a mixture by a direct blend which will increase the production of High Speed Diesel and reduce motor spirit surplus

Chandbali Port

*188. Shri B. C. Mullick: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply