

**The Parliamentary Secretary to The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan):** (a) Rs. 825/- approximately.

(b) and (c). The cushions of a carriage were set on fire resulting in slight damage.

(d) Yes.

(e) Yes.

(f) 155 trains were cancelled and the running of 102 trains was dislocated.

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** Question No. 436.

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** May I answer all the three questions, 436 to 438; they are all inter-related?

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** Yes

#### SHORT SUPPLY OF RAILWAY WAGONS

**\*436. Shri Deogam:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the supplies of railway wagons are less than the demand of the present shippers of iron ore; and

(b) the percentage of supplies of wagons compared to demand for the export of ore in Barajamda area?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) Yes.

(b) The percentage of wagon supplies to the requirements registered varied between 50 and 72 during the period from 1st July to 5th August 1953.

#### K. P. DOCKS

**\*437. Shri Deogam:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state the date from which the system that

unless a party had a plot for storage of ore at K. P. Docks, it could not get transport facilities for booking of ore to K. P. Docks was introduced?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** Since April 1951.

#### FACILITIES FOR STORAGE OF ORE

**\*438. Shri Deogam:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the present applicants for storage space for ore in Calcutta Port are mine-owners and the mines are at their disposal from or before 1951;

(b) whether all the present depot holders for ore in Calcutta Port are shippers;

(c) if not, what action Government have taken against non-shippers of ore who are enjoying facilities; and

(d) the name of the authority who is to withdraw the facilities?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) Some of the applicants claim to be mine-owners.

(b) Out of the 27 depot holders at present having storage dumps in the Dock area, 14 have declared themselves as mine owners, 7 are not mine owners and the remaining 6 have not given any information. Shipment of ores is effected in the name of the depot holders or their managing agents.

(c) and (d). It is proposed to revise the system of export licensing for iron ore and manganese ore in the light of the availability of transport and other relevant considerations. When the new system comes into force, wagons will be allotted on the basis of the export quota held by each party and the

dumping space in the Port area will be made available to parties according to actual requirements.

#### WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

DEVELOPMENT OF "VOICE FREQUENCY REPEATER" AND "TRANSMISSION MEASURING SET"

**\*402. Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** (a) Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state whether it is a fact that developments are being effected of the "Voice Frequency Repeater" and "Transmission Measuring Set" at the Indian Telephone Industries, Bangalore?

(b) If so, when will their prototypes be ready for field trials?

**The Minister of Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram):** (a) Yes.

(b) The prototypes are ready and are under observation in the Indian Telephone Industries. They will be sent for field trial in the course of the next 3 months.

#### SUPPLY OF WAGONS

**\*403. Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether there has been any improvement since April, 1953 in the number of wagons supplied for—

(i) the movement of fertilizers from the Sindri Fertilizers Factory; and

(ii) the movement of sugar from the various sugar factories in the country?

(b) If so, what has been the percentage of increase in the wagon supply figure for the corresponding period of the previous year?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) Rail transport provided for fertilizers

from Sindri Factory has recorded a substantial improvement since April 1953. In the case of sugar however, the movement recorded a progressive improvement from November 1952 to February 1953, when it reached the peak, and after some reduction in March and April 1953 it again progressively increased during May and June 1953.

(b) The increase in the wagon supply for the movement of each of these two commodities during the period April-June 1953, over that during the corresponding period of 1952, is as follows:

Commodity	No. of wagons loaded		Percent- age of in- crease (approx.)
	April-June 1952	April-June 1953	
Fertilizers	1235	4715	282%
Sugar	15447	25273	63%

#### GROW MORE FOOD ENQUIRY COMMITTEE REPORT

**\*406. Prof. D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether important recommendations of the Grow More Food Enquiry Committee have been implemented in the Punjab;

(b) if so, what amount has been spent on minor irrigation works so far; and

(c) how much money has been advanced as loan for the construction of tube-wells?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai):** (a) Yes.

(b) The amounts of grants and loans sanctioned for minor irrigation schemes in Punjab are as under:—

	Loan	Grant
	Rs. (lakhs)	Rs. (lakhs)
1952-53	80.17	0.75
1953-54	76.82	Nil