

Punjab

Agro-climatic conditions in Kashmir are different from other Himalayan ranges. The varieties grown in Kashmir do not behave similarly in other parts. Ambri variety of Kashmiri apples has not shown promise at the Horticultural Research Station, Kulu.

Himachal Pradesh

Ambri variety of Kashmiri apples has not proved successful so far in Himachal Pradesh.

In order to take advantage of certain good characters of the Ambri variety, viz., its good keeping quality, late maturity, etc., this variety has been crossed with the varieties of the 'Delicious' group at the Regional Fruit Research Station, Mashobra, and 1330 hybrid seeds obtained therefrom have been sown for raising seedlings.

Booking of Bel Fruit From Calcutta to Bombay

296. **Shri Raghunath Singh:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that bel fruit booked from Calcutta to Bombay has been now categorised as perishable article for Railway booking purposes and freight has been increased four fold; and

(b) if so, why this fruit is now treated as perishable?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) There has been no increase in the charges for Bel fruit. Full parcel rates are chargeable for this traffic. Bel fruit is not classified as fresh fruits/vegetables, which are chargeable at concessional parcel rates.

(b) Does not arise.

Provision of Fans on Delhi-Fazilka, Metre Gauge Line

297. **Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) how many Third Class coaches plying on the metre gauge between

Delhi and Fazilka are not yet provided with fans; and

(b) how long it will take to supply them fans?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Five coaches.

(b) The work of providing fans on these coaches is already in hand and is expected to be completed next month.

Sleeping Berths on Delhi-Fazilka Metre Gauge Line

298. **Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sleeping berths, if any, available in the trains plying between Delhi and Fazilka on the meter-gauge line; and

(b) how many are proposed to be provided on this line during the Third Five Year Plan period?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):

(a) No III class sleeper coaches are provided in the Metre Gauge trains running between Delhi and Fazilka, as, owing to paucity, their use has been limited to trains having runs of 800 kms and 450 kms on Broad Gauge and Metre Gauge respectively.

(b) There are no proposals at present.

Gastro-Enteritis Cases in Delhi

299. \int **Shri D. C. Sharma:**
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Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Gastro-enteritis cases in Delhi during the current year so far;

(b) the number of those which proved fatal; and

(c) the steps taken to check its incidence?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) 87 cases were recorded from January, 1962 to 11th April, 1962.

(b) Three.

(c) The following steps have been taken to check its incidence:

- (1) Cases brought to the notice of the Health staff working in the areas are immediately removed through a Municipal Ambulance to the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Delhi, where adequate arrangements for admission of Gastro-enteritis cases exist.
- (2) The affected localities are thoroughly searched to detect any other infected cases in the area.
- (3) The provisions of the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 have been extended to the Union Territory of Delhi.
- (4) Arrangements have been made for anti-cholera inoculations by teams of doctors.
- (5) Intensive measures against the sale of unwholesome articles of food and drink through the food hygiene enforcement squads and Sanitary Inspectors are taken.
- (6) Necessary arrangements have been made for disinfection of the infected premises. Anti-fly measures have been intensified.
- (7) An anti-fly week will be observed from the 1st July, 1962 as was done last year.
- (8) Arrangements have been made to remove all types of refuse from the municipal areas as early as possible.
- (9) Adequate publicity has been arranged to prevent occurrence of the disease.
- (10) A careful watch is kept over the municipal water supply

with regard to its purity by taking samples from distal consumer points.

- (11) Drinking water wells in rural areas are chlorinated regularly.
- (12) A separate City Cleansing Department has been set up by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi to look after the work of conservancy and sanitation.

Road from Safdarjang Aerodrome to Kutab Minar

300. Shri E. Madhusudan Rao: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to widen and beautify the road from Safdarjang Aerodrome to Kutab Minar, Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) when the work will commence?

The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). The scheme of widening the Kutab Road is included in the Third Five Year Plan of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi at an estimated cost of Rs. 2.00 lakhs. A proposal for the diversion of the Kutab Road near the Safdarjung Aerodrome is also under consideration.

(c) The information in this respect will be obtained and placed on the table of the Sabha in due course.

Central Council of Gosamvardhana

301. Shri Ram Harkh Yadav: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the achievements of the Central Council of Gosamvardhana, New Delhi during the year 1961-62?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri S. K. Patil): A statement showing the achievements of the Central Council of Gosamvardhana during 1961-62 is laid on the Table of the