

(b) One person died on the spot and three other occupants of the tractor sustained grievous injuries. Out of the three injured two died in the hospital. The third is progressing satisfactorily.

(c) On 25-5-1963 at about 02:32 hours while No. 37 Up Express ex-Howrah-Madras was running between Navabpalem and Tadepalligudem stations it collided with a tractor at the unmanned level crossing which came into the track unmindful of the engine whistles and the engine headlights.

Level Crossing Accidents

25. { Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
Shri P. C. Borooah:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the number of level crossing accidents that occurred during the past four months?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): There were sixty six level crossing accidents during the period from March, 1963 to June, 1963.

Tourist Traffic

26. { Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri Bishanchander Seth:
Shrimati Renuka Barkataki:
Shri Basumatari:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri P. K. Deo:
Shri Sham Lal Saraf:
Shri Siddananajappa:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tourist Department of India has enquired into the reasons for the decline in tourist traffic in India in spite of the wide appeal of India's distinctive and exclusive features for tourists; and

(b) if so, the results of the enquiry?

The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. An ad hoc Committee of senior officials has been set up to look into this matter and to recommend measures for increasing tourist traffic. The Report of the Committee is expected to be submitted shortly.

Purchase of Wheat

27. { Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri Warrior:
Shri Vasudevan Nair:
Shri K. N. Tiwary:
Shri Bhagwat Jha Aad:
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 749 on the 6th April, 1963 and state:

(a) the quantity of wheat purchased by Government under the price support scheme and at what cost;

(b) whether similar schemes are proposed to be introduced in respect of other agricultural products also and if so which ones; and

(c) in respect of which agricultural products such price support schemes are already in force?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) A quantity of 3,962 tonnes of wheat has been purchased by the Government under the Price Support Scheme this year at the floor prices ranging from Rs. 34.83 per Quintal to Rs. 40.19 per Quintal for different grades of wheat.

(b) and (c). In addition to wheat, the policy of support prices has been adopted in the case of rice, jowar and raw jute; in the case of sugarcane, minimum price has been fixed for cane delivered to Sugar Mills; in the case of raw cotton, floor and ceiling