

Food Packets

607. **Shri A. S. Saigal:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering the proposal to sell food packets for all classes of passengers travelling in trains without dining car;

(b) what varieties of food that packet will contain;

(c) how much it is expected to cost per packet; and

(d) whether they will be sold at all important stations all over the country, where trains reach during lunch and dinner times?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) to (d). The sale of food packets is already being effected at a number of stations.

A statement, showing the contents and the prices of food packets at present being sold at the stations on different Railway zones, is placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 77].

Railway Administrations have been instructed to extend the sale of such packets to other stations also wherever the demand for them exists or is expected to develop as a result of the proposed withdrawal of dining cars from certain trains. This will be in addition to the sale of "Thali meals" from Refreshment Rooms.

Japanese Fishing Vessels

608. **Shri Rameshwar Tantia:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Japanese fishing Vessels also operate near the Kerala coast; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to protect India's source of Shrimps and Prawns?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) Japanese

fishing vessels are not known to operate near the Kerala coast.

(b) Does not arise.

Sanitary Conditions in Agartala

609. **Shri Dasaratha Deb:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Latrine Services maintained by Agartala Municipality, Tripura;

(b) whether the number is inadequate as compared to the population of the town;

(c) whether grants made by the Central Government to the Municipality have been fully utilised for improvement of Latrine Services; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to improve Latrine Services of Agartala Town?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmakar): (a) 1250.

(b) The number is not adequate owing to haphazard and faulty construction of houses by displaced persons from East Pakistan, without provision for proper passages for scavengers and proper drains.

(c) Yes.

(d) It is proposed to improve these services during the Second Five Year Plan period by the introduction of sanitary type of latrines and extension of existing latrine service by improvement of roads, passages and drains.

Overcrowding on Railways

610. **Shri P. G. Deb:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that there is constant overcrowding of passengers in the passenger trains running between Rourkela and Bhubaneswar on the South-Eastern Railways; and

(b) whether Government propose to run a Janata train on the above mentioned railway line to reduce

the pressure of overcrowding of III class passengers?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) On certain sections between Bhilai and Rourkela, there is overcrowding to some extent on certain trains.

(b) Due to lack of line capacity on the Rourkela-Drug section, it is not feasible to run at present any additional train. However, certain steps have been taken, consistent with the availability of coaches and train room, to provide additional accommodation on existing trains as indicated below:

Date of Introduction Extent of additional accommodation provided

6-5-57 Nos. 321 Up/322 Dn and 323 Up/324 Dn. Howrah-Nagpur passenger trains have been augmented by two third class bogie coaches between Kharagpur and Nagpur.

1-10-57 Two third class bogie coaches and one composite second and third class bogie coach which were running on Nos. 19 Up/410 Dn Kharagpur-Nagpur Parcel Express between Kharagpur and Jambuguda have been extended to end from Nagpur.

1-11-57 One third class bogie coach and composite first and third class bogie coach have been added to No. 323 Up/324 Dn to run between Bilaspur and Nagpur.

श्री कल्याणकुमारी सङ्क

६११. श्री अनिलचन्द्र सिन्हा: क्या परिचय तथा संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि केंद्रीय सरकार ने दिल्ली से कल्याणकुमारी तक जाने वाली सड़क के लिये बीच के उन टुकड़ों को बनाने के लिये, जहाँ सड़क नहीं है, कोई योजना मंजूर की है; और

(ख) यदि हाँ तो इन बीच के टुकड़ों का निर्माण कब तक प्रारम्भ होने की आशा

है तथा उस पर कितना व्यय होने का अनुमान है?

परिचय तथा संचार मंत्रालय से राज्य-मंत्री (श्री हुमायूँ कबीर): (क) जी हाँ।

(ख) छूटे हुए दायों (Missing Links) का निर्माण कार्य पहिले से ही प्रगति पर है और उनके एक बड़े भाग का वर्तमान योजना काल के अन्तर्गत पूरा हो जाने की आशा है इन पर ४०.०० लाख रुपया खर्च होने का अनुमान लगाया गया है।

Railway Watch and Ward Staff at Howrah

612. **Shri Rajendra Singh:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the discharged watch and ward staff of Howrah had been on hunger-strike before the Durga Puja holidays; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) There is no such information.

(b) Does not arise.

Breaches on Palashbari Road in Assam

613. **Shri Basumatari:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a part of the highway road at Palashbari of Assam has been washed away by the recent floods in the river Brahmaputra; and

(b) if so, the action taken in this matter?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A temporary diversion road was constructed some time back when it was apprehended that the road might be washed away. Certain protective