

Collision of Train with a Truck

2589. Shri Vajpayee: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether a goods train collided with a motor-truck at a level-crossing nine miles from Delhi on the 7th September, 1958;

(b) if so, the damage resulting from this accident; and

(c) whether any enquiry has been made into this mishap?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) Yes; One Road Truck while attempting to cross an unmanned level crossing near Badli Station on Delhi-Ambala Cantt. section of the Northern Railway, it dashed against the wagons which were being shunted into the siding. This resulted in the derailment of brakevan and five loaded wagons.

(b) The approximate cost of damage to Railway property is assessed at Rs. 7,975.

(c) An Assistant Officer's Committee has investigated into the accident.

Diesel Cars

2590. Shri Vajpayee: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the diesel cars running between Delhi and Hissar on the Bikaner Division of the Northern Railway have been discontinued;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether any early resumption of this service is contemplated?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) and (b). The Diesel rail cars running between Delhi-Sarai-Rohilla and Hissar have been cancelled, with effect from 1-9-1958, due to mechanical defects in the engines.

(c) After the defects have been rectified, the services will be resumed.

Shipping Rates on Roofing Tiles

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the export of roofing tiles from Kerala suffers on account of prohibitive shipping rates;

(b) whether any representation has been received in this regard by the Government of India; and

(c) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) It is a fact that the current freight rates on roofing tiles are high but the export of these tiles depends upon several other factors also.

(b) Yes.

(c) The matter has been taken up with the Shipping interests concerned.

सिडर

२५९२. श्री लच्छो राम : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) सेन्द्रल रेलवे के झांसी डिवीजन में कितने नये माल गोदामों के प्लेटफार्मों के पुराने प्लेटफार्मों के बढ़ाये हुये हिस्सों तथा अन्य स्थानों को ऊंचा करने आदि में मिट्टी के बजाय सिडर (जला हुआ कोयला) डाला गया ;

(ख) यह सिडर कितनी तादाद में डाला गया और उसका औसत मूल्य क्या था, और उसकी दुलाई (रेलवे बगन का किराया), बगनों की लदाई उतराई आदि में भलग भलग कितना व्यय हुआ ; और

(ग) यदि सिडर की बजाय मिट्टी डलवाई जाती तो सरकार को निश्चित दर से उस पर कितना व्यय होता ?

रेलवे उपमंत्री (श्री बाह्युनवाज जी) :

(क) कहीं सिंकर इस्तेमाल नहीं किया गया। सिर्फ ग्वालियर में मोटर बढ़ाने वाले प्लेटफार्म पर कोयले की राख डाली गयी।

(ख) जैसा भाग (क) के उत्तर में बताया गया है सिर्फ मोटर बढ़ाने वाले प्लेटफार्म पर १३,५०० बल फुट कोयले की राख डाली गयी, जिसकी लागत १,०८० रुपये थी। साल डिब्बों में राख नहीं भेजी गयी। भरायी का काम मजदूरों ने किया।

(ग) कोयले की राख की जगह घग्गर मिट्टी डाली जाती, तो उसकी लागत १,७५५ रुपये होती।

Electric Crematorium in Delhi

2593. **Shri Ram Krishan:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 187 on the 17th February, 1958 and state the progress made so far in regard to the construction of Electric Crematorium in Delhi?

The Minister of Health (Shri Kar-markar): The matter is still under consideration of the New Delhi Municipal Committee and the Municipal Corporation of Delhi.

Ghee

2594. **Pandit Thakur Das Bhargava:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity and value of pure ghee produced in India in the years 1935-36, 1945-46, 1948-49, 1953-54 and 1956-57;

(b) how much vanaspati (hydrogenated vegetable oil) was produced in the country in these years;

(c) how much of it was exported;

(d) whether it is a fact that Ghee is largely adulterated with Vanaspathi; Oil;

(e) whether this adulteration of Ghee with Vanaspati is increasing or decreasing; and

(f) what special steps, if any, Government have taken for combating the adulteration during the last four years?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) Year-wise statistics in regard to production of ghee are not available. Based on the quinquennial livestock census carried out in 1945, 1951 and 1956, the production of ghee during those years has been computed as under:—

Year	Quantity (Lakh maunds)	Approx. value (Rs. lakhs)
1945	113.0	10,000
1951	103.1	20,000
1956	106.0	19,000

(b) and (c). The production and exports of vanaspati was as under:—

Year	Production (thousand tons)	Exports (thousand tons)
1935-36	18.0	Nil
1945-46	132.0	Nil
1948-49	143.0	Nil
1953-54	200.4	0.90
1956-57	263.8	11.12

(d) No.

(e) From the reports available it appears that between 1955 and 1957 there was increase in the percentage of ghee samples found adulterated with Vanaspati in 5 States and decrease in this percentage in 6 States.

(f) (1) For enabling easy detection of vanaspati in ghee, the following steps have been taken:—

(i) Test-checking and analysis of Vanaspati both at the points