

Railway Schools

1725. **Shri Kumbhar:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2022 on the 5th April, 1958 and state:

(a) whether replies have been received from the State Governments concerned regarding the provision of facilities and financial help for the students belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Railway Schools on S E Railway, and

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

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) and (b) No The Railways have, however, been directed that the fee concessions as prescribed by the State Governments within whose territories the Railway Schools lie should be extended to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes students even if it be not obligatory for non-State Government Schools under State Governments regulations to grant the concessions and that the loss on this account should be borne by the Railway Administrations until it is possible to get it made good by the State Governments concerned

Electrification of Punjab

1726. **Shri Daljit Singh:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state

(a) the total amount of national as well as foreign exchange paid to the Punjab Government under the Second Five Year Plan for spending on such works as would increase the production of electricity, and

(b) the heads for which the amount was utilised?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Nathi): (a) and (b) A statement giving the requisite information is laid on the Table [See Appendix IV, annexure No 65]

Falling of Wagons in Brahmaputra River

1727. **Shrimati Masda Ahmed:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that on the 4th November, 1958 one wagon of a goods train fell into the Brahmaputra River and another wagon was derailed on the barge at Amingaon Wagon Ferry Ghat;

(b) if so, the amount of loss sustained, and

(c) the nature of goods that were loaded in the wagons?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) Yes, at about 03 15 hours on 4th November, 1958 while being loaded on the Barge

(b) The damage to the Rolling Stock and the Barge has been assessed at Rs 800

(c) The wagon which fell into the Brahmaputra river was loaded with 396 tins of Mustard Oil

Sale of Food Packets between Delhi and Howrah

1728 { Shri H. N. Mukerjee;
Shri Muhammed Elias;
Shri Prabhat Kar:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state

(a) the reasons for there being no visible arrangement for the sale of cheap, hygienic food packets at important stations even when long distance trains ply between Delhi and Howrah, and

(b) the steps taken or proposed to be taken in the matter?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) Arrangements already exist for the sale of food packets through bearers of Railway Refreshment Rooms and authorised train side vendors at important stations between Delhi and Howrah. These stations are Howrah, Asansol,