

Export of Birds

1854. SHRI S. A. AGADI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian birds are exported to Foreign Countries on Commercial scale;

(b) if so, the names of the countries to which birds were exported during the years 1966-67 and 1967-68 and the number of birds together with the amount of foreign exchange earned therefor; and

(c) the purpose for which the birds are being exported?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement giving the information is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-1526/68.].

(c) The birds are being exported for purposes such as bonafide scientific research for use as pets and for zoos etc.

Waris Aleganj Station

1855. SHRI LAKHAN LAL KAPOOR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the arrangements at Waris Aleganj Railway station between Gaya and Kiul stations on the Eastern Railway are very inadequate for the population and the important market of the city;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is no waiting room etc. for the passengers at Waris Aleganj Railway station;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Booking Office Shed there is in such a dilapidated condition that its roof leaks in the rainy season; and

(d) if so, the action proposed to be taken by Government for its development and improvement?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. M. POONACHA): (a) No. The amenities available at the station are adequate for the traffic dealt with.

(b) Adequate waiting accommodation for passengers is available at this station in the shape of (i) 3rd class waiting hall measuring 15'X16' for gents with separate enclosure for ladies measuring 16'X7', (ii) A concourse measuring 34'X22' and (iii) a platform shed measuring 50'X25'.

(c) No.

(d) Does not arise.

जमालपुर वर्कशॉप में लोहे, ताम्बे और पत्थर की चोरी

1867. श्री लखन लाल कपूर : क्या रेलवे मंत्र: यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पूर्व रेलवे के जमालपुर वर्कशॉप में लोहे, ताम्बे और पीतल एवं अन्य वस्तुओं की बड़े पैमाने पर चोरी हो रही है तथा उसे रोकने के लिये कोई ठोस कार्यवाही नहीं की जा रही है;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि इस चोरी में जमालपुर वर्कशॉप के कुछ उत्तरदायी अधिकारियों, सरकारी, रेलवे पुलिस के पहरेदारों तथा स्थल पुलिस और रेलवे सुरक्षा दल का हाथ है; और

(ग) क्या राष्ट्रीय सम्पत्ति की इतने बड़े पैमाने पर होने वाली हानि को रोकने के लिये एक उच्च शक्ति प्राप्त जांच प्रायोग बनाने का सरकार का विचार है ?

रेलवे मंत्री (श्री बी० सु० पुनोचा) :

(क) और (ख) : यह सही नहीं है कि पूर्व रेलवे के जमालपुर कारखाने से लोहे, ताम्बे