

### **Cultivation of vegetables**

3460. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Railways has rented out railway land to cultivators for cultivation of vegetables;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the vegetables grown are not fit for human consumption;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the terms and conditions on which the land is rented out to cultivators; and
- (e) the action taken for violation of terms and conditions during last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

### **Corruption in Railways**

3461. SHRI N.K. SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether corruption in Railways has increased manifold in the past one decade and caused an estimated Rs. 50000/- crore loss to the exchequer;
- (b) if so, the details of various sectors in Railways where instances of corruption has come to the notice of Government;
- (c) whether existing systems of procurement, tendering etc. in Railways are not transparent and nexus with the middlemen, suppliers and Railways officials have increased; and
- (d) if so, the steps Government/Railways proposes to take to issue a white paper on the functioning of Railways and to remove corruption?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) No, Sir. Vigilance Organisation of Railways deals with Complaints of corruption and also conducts preventive checks. Corruption cases are dealt with in consultation with CVC.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Systems are transparent and all extant instructions of Government on the subject are being followed.

(d) There is no such proposal.

### **New rail line in Punjab and Himachal Pradesh**

†3462. SHRIMATI BIMLA KASHYAP SOOD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

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