

**RENAMING OF SEALDAH STATION**

874. SHRI DWIJENDRA LAL SEN GUPTA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the West Bengal Government or there is any proposal with the Railway Board for renaming the Sealdah Station as 'Calcutta Central' and

(b) if so, what decision Government have taken in the matter ?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) :**

(a) and (b) No proposal has been received from the West Bengal Government nor is any such proposal pending with the Railway Board. However, a proposal for renaming Sealdah station as 'Calcutta Central' was received from West Bengal Passengers Association in 1966. The Association was informed that any proposal for changing the name of a station has to come through State Government concerned.

**FOOD SUPPLIED BY RAILWAY CATERING DEPARTMENT**

875. SHRI K.A. KRISHNASWAMY : Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether Government are aware of the poor quality of food supplied by the Railway Catering Department and if so, what steps are proposed to be taken to improve the quality of food supplied in trains and at stations by that Department ?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI) :** There have been some complaints about poor quality of food supplied by the Railway Catering Department.

Some of the important steps taken to improve the quality of catering on Railways are as under :—

- (i) Regular inspections are made by Officers and Inspectors to ensure a high standard of food and service.
- (ii) Thorough investigations are conducted into all complaints about catering with a view to rectifying shortcomings as well as penalising erring contractors or departmental catering staff.
- (iii) Purchase and supply of raw materials of good quality for departmental catering units is ensured and detailed instructions have been issued laying down the proportion of various ingredients to be used.
- (iv) Proper arrangements have been made for the training of staff employed in departmental catering establishments.
- (v) Strict supervision is exercised over the working of contractors by deputing Railway staff to educate them and also, if necessary to supervise their working.

**उड़ोसा में काला सिंचाई परियोजना**

876. श्री पंढरीनाथ सीताराम जी पाटिल : क्या सिंचाई और विद्युत मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या चौथी पंचवर्षीय योजना में काला सिंचाई परियोजना को शामिल किया गया है और उस पर कितनी राशि खर्च होने का अनुमान है;

(ख) परियोजना के कब तक पूरी हो जाने की सम्भावना है, और

(ग) इस परियोजना से जिन लाभों के प्राप्त होने की आशा है उनका व्यौरा क्या है ?