

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Central Seed Corporation; and

(b) if so, what are the salient features of this proposal and by when it will be implemented?]

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(क) जी हा ।

(ख) यह प्रस्ताव अभी बनाये जाने की स्थिति में है और निश्चित रूप से यह कहना अभी जल्दी है कि निगम की स्थापना कब होगी ।

†[THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA): (a) Yes.

(b) The proposal is yet in the formative stage and it is too early to say definitely when the Corporation will be set up.]

AVOIDANCE OF AN ACCIDENT NEAR BRACE BRIDGE RAILWAY STATION, CALCUTTA

*67 SHRI BIREN ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a head-on collision between two fully loaded passenger trains was averted at about 6 A.M. on October 4, 1960 near Brace Bridge railway station, Calcutta Port Commissioners' Area;

(b) whether there was an assault on the railway staff and subsequent arrest of a passenger; and

(c) whether the incident occurred due to mismanagement of signalling or due to any other reasons, and what action has so far been taken in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) On 4th October 1960, there was an averted collision between two passenger trains at Brace Bridge station on the Eastern Railway.

(b) Yes, Sir

(c) The incident was not due to mismanagement of signalling equipment but due to failure of Railway staff. Suitable disciplinary action is being taken against the staff held responsible for the averted collision.

SHRI BIREN ROY: What was the failure of the railway staff?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: Wrong setting of points.

SHRI BIREN ROY: If that was so, then was it due to automatic setting or mechanical setting?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: Sir, the points were not interlocked. It was a newly started station and the points were not interlocked with the signals. That was the reason.

SHRI BIREN ROY: What was the reason for keeping the train service suspended up to the evening that day and why was it done? Why could not the line be cleared to the other passenger trains because no local persons could attend the offices on that particular day?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: This incident took place at 5.45 in the morning. Thereafter, the mob took control of the situation and they beat up the station staff and they would not let any train go. That was the reason.

SHRI BIREN ROY: Was any action taken against those responsible?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: It is not for us to take action; it is up to the State Government to take action against them.

KISANS SENT TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES

*68 SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent by the Government of India on Kisans or batches of Kisans who have been sent so far to different foreign countries during

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