

(c) The time taken for repairs depends on the nature of the defect and availability of the necessary stores.

Also, alternative arrangements always exist for the supply of cool drinking water to passengers from *matkas*, *gharrahs* etc.

(d) No, Sir.

#### DISPENSING WITH CATERING CONTRACTORS ON RAILWAYS

111. SHRI DAHYABHAI V. PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) since when it has been the policy of the Railways to do away with catering contractors;

(b) in how many cases contractors have been dispensed with because of introduction of departmental catering (i) at railway stations and (ii) on trains;

(c) how many of these departmental catering arrangements are running satisfactorily; and

(d) how many of them are working on profit and how many at a loss?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) It is not the policy of Railways to do away with all catering contractors.

(b) The information is under collection and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(c) The work of departmental catering establishments on the Railways has been generally satisfactory.

(d) The information is under collection and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

#### NATIONAL PARK IN ORISSA

112. SHRI GHASIRAM SANDIL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the total amount so far spent for the establishment of the National Park in the District of Mayurbhanj in Orissa?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA): In their Second Five Year Plan, the Government of Orissa have included a scheme entitled "Creation of National Park in Mayurbhanj District and Game Sanctuaries". According to available information, the up-to-date expenditure on this scheme is indicated below:

1956-57	Rs. 0-97 lakh
1957-58	Rs. 1-30 lakhs

For the year 1958-59 the figures of actual expenditure are not available, but the estimated expenditure is Rs. 1-18 lakhs.

For the year 1959-60 a provision of Rs. 0\*75 lakh has been approved by the Planning Commission.

The above figures represent both the Central and the State shares of expenditure.

#### JAPANESE GARDENS

113. SHRI DAHYABHAI V. PATEL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to the answer given to Starred Question No. 52 in the Rajya Sabha on the 11th August, 1959 and state the expenditure incurred on the visit of Shri Mori, the Japanese Expert to India and the price paid for the different models of gardens given by him?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA): A sum of Rs. 1761 was spent from the Research Funds of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research on account of the visit of Mr. Mori. No payment was made to him for preparing plans of gardens.

#### IMMOBILISATION OF ALARM CHAINS IN THE TRAINS

114. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the alarm chains in some trains have been immobilised recently: