

	Per maund of 80 lbs.
	Rs.
4. Burma rice (Govt. stocks)	20.25
5. Atta (Government stocks)	19.10
6. Maida	25
	(Per seer)
	Rs.
7. Sugar	1/2/-
8. Dal arhar (1st quality)	-/11/-
9. Dal arhar (2nd Quality)	-/10/-
10. Dal chana	-/10/-
11. Salt	-/4/-
12. Groundnut oil	1/12/-
13. Gingelly Oil	2/6/-
14. Mustard Oil	2/8/-

TRAINING CENTRES UNDER RURAL HEALTH SCHEME

*516. SHRI S. C. DEB: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain training centres under the Rural Health Scheme have been opened in different parts of the country;

(b) if so, what are the subjects taught at these centres and what is the period of training; and

(c) whether there is a separate machinery to work out the Rural Health Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR): (a) There are no such training centres.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

IMPOSITION OF ENGINEERING RESTRICTIONS ON THE SPEED OF TRAINS BETWEEN LUMDING AND BADARPUR ON N. E. RAILWAY

*517. SHRI S. C. DEB: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are some engineering restrictions imposed on the speed of the running of trains between Lumding and Badarpur Stations on North-Eastern Railway; and

(b) if so, whether these restrictions are imposed permanently there and whether Government propose to minimise those restrictions?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) and (b). Lumding-Badarpur Section of the North-Eastern Railway is a hill section with steep gradients and sharp curves. The maximum permissible speed on the section is limited by the gradients and curvature and this restriction on speed is of permanent nature.

There are also some local restrictions on bridges which will be removed in due course on completion of renewal and strengthening programme for these bridges which is in progress.

GRISTIKA—A RARE SPECIMEN OF INDIAN FRUIT

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

(a) whether Government are aware that "Gristika", a rare specimen of Indian fruit, if eaten once, obviates the necessity of food for a person for at least two months; and

(b) if so, where this fruit is available?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI A. P. JAIN): (a) Presumably, the reference is to a tuber crop which is called by various local names, such as 'Genthi', 'Githi', 'Ganjira', etc. The existence of this crop is known but no investigation has been undertaken to assess its reported property to obviate the necessity of food for long periods.

(b) In our country, the 'Genthi' tuber grows wild from Monghyr to Kumaon and in Assam.