

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) Shortage of printed passenger tickets was experienced at some stations on Southern, North-Eastern, Central, Western and Northern Railways in October, 1956.

(b) This was mainly due to short supply of card ticket blanks by the suppliers and unexpected increases in the demand for passenger tickets at certain stations.

SWISS EXPERTS EMPLOYED IN THE INTEGRAL COACH FACTORY, PERAMBUR

•188. SHRI J. V. K. VALLABHA-RAO: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Swiss* "experts" employed in the Integral Coach Factory, Perambur; and

(b) their qualifications and present emoluments?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): (a) 40 at present.

(b) A statement is placed on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix XV, Annexure No. 50.]

TRAINING OF VILLAGE LEVEL WORKERS

102. SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what subjects are taught to the village level workers in the training classes; and

(b) what village industries are included in the course of their training?

THE MINISTER FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI A. P. Jain): (a) the subjects taught to the Village Level Workers during the course of their training are:

Agriculture (inclusive of animal husbandry, dairying and veterinary science, horticulture, vegetable farming, plant protection, climatology and

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agricultural engineering); Rural Extension Service; health, hygiene and sanitation; social science and adult education; civics; Gram Pan-chayats; co-operation and village industries.

(b) The village industries included in the syllabus of each Extension Training Centre vary according to the local conditions and the availability of the raw material required for the purpose. Some of the important village industries taught to the trainees are spinning and weaving; mat-weaving; bee-keeping; poultry farming; tanning; soap-making; rope-making; gur-mak-ing; working of oil ghanies and preservation of fruit and vegetables.

VENDING CONTRACTORS ON RAILWAY PLATFORMS

103. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of vending contractors on railway platforms at present; and

(b) out of these contractors, how many are refugees?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): (a) 5,291. (b) 887.

चीन से वापसी पर श्री पी० एन० थापर का प्रारम्भिक प्रतिवेदन

१०४. श्री नवाब सिंह चौहान : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्रालय के सचिव, श्री पी० एन० थापर ने चीन देश के कृषि संबंधी, अपने अनुभवों का प्रारम्भिक प्रतिवेदन सरकार के सामने प्रस्तुत कर दिया है, यदि हां, तो सरकार उस पर क्या कार्यवाही करना चाहती है ; और

(ख) क्या यह प्रतिवेदन राज्य सरकारों के पास भेज दिया गया है ; यदि हां, तो उनकी प्रतिक्रिया क्या है ?