

THE MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (Sum LAL BAHADUR): (a) No, Sir.

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

CONNECTING OF MADRAS-BANGALORE NATIONAL HIGHWAY WITH MANGALORE

376. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to connect the National Highway running between Madras and Bangalore with Mangalore; and

(b) if so, when?

THE MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI LAL BAHADUR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

ASSAULT AND ROBBERY IN LADIES' COMPARTMENTS

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

(a) the number of cases of assault and robbery in ladies' compartments in railway trains reported in each year from 1950-51 onwards; and

(b) the nature of precautions taken by the Railway Administration to check the recurrence of such incidents?

THE MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI LAL BAHADUR): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha as soon as available.

CAST IRON SLEEPERS FOR THE RAILWAYS

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Mysore Iron and Steel Works, Bhadravati, is supplying cast iron sleepers to the Indian Railways;

(b) if so, since when; and

(c) the quantity and value of sleepers purchased by the Railways from that firm in each year from 1950-51 onwards?

THE MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI LAL BAHADUR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The supply is being made by them since 1951-52.

(c) The quantity and value of sleepers supplied in each year since 1951-52 are given below:—

	Quantity (Pairs)	Value (Rs.)
1951-52	14497	3,17,122
1952-53	29043	5,33,665
1953-54	45159	6,09,647
1954-55	115130	15,54,255

BONEMEAL

379. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the country's present requirement of bonemeal;

(b) what is the quantity of bone-meal consumed in each year since 1950-51; and

(c) whether the country is self-sufficient in this respect?

THE MINISTER FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI A. P. JAIN): (a) and (b). It is estimated that about 30/35,000 tons of bonemeal are annually produced and consumed in the country.

(c) Yes.

COMBINED SENIORITY LISTS FOR CLASS III AND CLASS IV RAILWAY EMPLOYEES

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

(a) whether combined seniority lists for Class III and Class IV employees of the integrated Railways have been prepared; and