

this question, and it has made several recommendations. All those recommendations have been accepted, and instructions have been issued to the Railways.

DR. R. P. DUBE: What are the seven categories mentioned?

MR. CHAIRMAN: They appear in the Statement.

DR. R. P. DUBE: I have not got the Statement.

MR. CHAIRMAN: They are:

1. Incivility to public.
2. Lack of amenities at stations or in trains.
3. Lack of punctuality.
4. Inadequacy of train service.
5. Bribery and corruption.
6. Defects in the Catering Service.
7. Theft of, and delay to, consignments.

RAILWAY WAGONS FOR BANANAS

*393. SHRI D. NARAYAN: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state how many wagons were loaded with bananas from stations in the Pachora-Jamner section of the Central Railway excluding those loaded from the Pachora Station during 1952, 1953 and 1954?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): 625, 401 and 324 narrow gauge wagons during 1952, 1953 and 1954, respectively.

SHRI D. NARAYAN: May I know, Sir, if representations have been received complaining against the shortage of wagons on that line?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: They have not been received.

SHRI D. NARAYAN: May I know the reasons for the fall in the number of wagons?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: My information is that the crop was poor.

SHRI D. NARAYAN: No. That is not correct.

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: Anyhow, that is my information.

SHRI D. NARAYAN: Is it a fact, Sir, that the traffic has turned to buses and trucks on account of shortage of railway wagons?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: My information again is that in all these three years the demands were met in full.

PROF. G. RANGA: Is it not a fact, Sir, that Government do keep the information about the number of wagons required, and later on when the fulfilment is made? Am I to understand that these are approximated with each other?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: Exactly. The demands were met in full in all these three years.

DR. SHRIMATI SEETA PARMANAND: What was the number of wagons supplied in each of these three years for bananas?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: I have given the loadings.

DR. SHRIMATI SEETA PARMANAND: I want the number of wagons.

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: That was the answer, I thought.

SHRI KANHAIYALAL D. VAIDYA: Is it not a fact that due to delay in transit the banana business has greatly suffered?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: Sir, if any specific complaint is made to me, I shall be prepared to look into it.

SHRI H. P. SAKSENA: Is it true that the fall in loading was not due to shortage of wagons, but it was due

to an increase in the local consumption of these bananas?

(No reply.)

SHRI D. NARAYAN: May I know the number of wagons that are working on that line at present?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: I have no information.

AREA AND* PRODUCTION OF CASHEWNUTS

*394. SHRI KISHEN CHAND: Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total area at present under cashewnut cultivation in the country; and

(b) the total yield of cashewnut during each of the last three years?

THE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE (DR. P. S. DESHMUKH): (a) About 171 thousand acres in 1953-54.

| (b) | Year | | Tons |
|-----|---------|----|--------|
| | 1951-52 | .. | 56,975 |
| | 1952-53 | .. | 53,369 |
| | 1953-54 | .. | 55,182 |

SHRI KISHEN CHAND: Is the hon. Minister aware that the needs of the processing factories are much larger than the production in the country?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: Yes, Sir. They are not fully employed, and we know that.

SHRI KISHEN CHAND: Is the hon. Minister aware that the foreign countries are not now exporting cashew-nuts, but are processing themselves?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: Sir, there is a tendency to do that, and especially in the Portuguese colonies in Africa.

SHRI KISHEN CHAND: May I know from the hon. Minister what efforts are being made to increase the production of cashewnuts in our country?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: Sir, some time ago we had drawn the attention of the State Governments, and we are launching a campaign to increase the cashewnut production.

SHRI KISHEN CHAND: May I know from the hon. Minister if efforts are being made to improve the seeds and the quality of cashewnuts?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: Yes.

PROF. G. RANGA: Is anything being done to improve the way in which these cashewnuts are put through the primary processing in our countryside, in view of the fact that often-times, the workers get themselves hurt because of smoke and other things that are produced?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: I think, Sir, that question should be directed either to the Labour Minister or to the Industries Minister.

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: As this is a dollar-earning crop, will the Government consider the advisability of giving financial assistance to the growers?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: Yes, Sir. We will be prepared to give some reasonable assistance.

LAYING OF NEW RAILWAY LINE BETWEEN CHAMARAJANAGAR AND ERODE

*372. SHRI H. C. DASAPPA (ON BEHALF OF SHRI M. VALIULLA) : Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the fact that the Mysore State Assembly has passed a resolution on or about the 5th April, 1955 to expedite the laying of a railway line between Chamarajanagar and Erode; and

(b) what steps Government have taken in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): (a) Yea, Sir.