

(b) whether the booking of betel leaves from the above mentioned stations has gone down considerably in recent years; and if so, why;

(c) what has been the annual income from the booking of betel leaves from the above two stations during the last four years;

(d) whether it is a fact that the traders have started sending these leaves to Bombay and North India from Tirur and Pantalayini by road transport;

(e) whether it is also a fact that three years ago the betel leaf parcels which used to take only 72 hours to reach Bombay from these stations are now taking 114 to 168 hours; and

(f) whether Government have received any representations from betel leaf merchants regarding the delay; and if so, what steps are being taken in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): (a) to (f). A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VIII, Annexure No. 25.]

#### EXPORT OF SPECIAL BREED OF INDIAN CATTLE

\*61. SHRI K. SURYANARAYANA: Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any special breed of Indian cattle has so far been exported to any other country or countries; and

(b) if so,

(i) the name of the breed of the exported cattle;

(ii) the agency through which they were exported;

(iii) the number of cattle exported; and

(iv) the amount paid for them in India and realised from importing countries?

THE MINISTER FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAFI AHMAD KIDWAI): (a) Yes.

(b) A statement giving the number and breeds of cattle authorised for export during the years 1951-52 to 1953-54, the various export agencies and the number actually exported is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VIII, Annexure No. 26.] Full details of the amount paid to the sellers in India by the exporters are not available. The valuation shown in the Customs returns has, however, been given in the statement.

#### REQUIREMENT OF WAGONS

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

(a) the total annual requirement of railway wagons in the country; and

(b) what arrangements have been made to meet this annual demand?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): (a) The total annual requirements vary with the traffic offering and it is not possible to indicate an exact figure.

(b) Capacity and orders have been planned for the supply of 12,000 wagons annually from Indian manufacturers and it is expected that this quantity will cover the bulk of the recurring requirements. Emergent requirements and special types of wagons wanted in small numbers can be procured from abroad.

#### COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY THE INDIAN AIRLINES CORPORATION

22. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the members of each of the three committees which were appointed by the Indian Airlines Corporation to make recommendations regarding the integration of various airlines;