

## Yellow Rain near Tanjore

S.N.Q. No. 18. Shri Sanganna: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state

(a) whether Government have received any information as to the fall of yellow rain reeking of burning sulphur on the 24th May, 1957, in a village near Tanjore (Madras),

(b) if so, whether any enquiry has been made into the causes of the phenomenon, and

(c) if so, with what result?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Humayan Kabir): (a) Government have no information on the subject beyond what has been reported in the press. There is no observatory of the Indian Meteorological Department at the place where the yellow rain is supposed to have fallen

(b) and (c) As neither observational reports nor samples of the rain-drops are available no investigation has been possible

Shri Sanganna: May I know whether Government propose to make any enquiry to find out the actual cause of this?

Shri Humayan Kabir: As I have stated just now, since the sample of the rain drops is not available, no investigation is possible. But a tentative explanation has been attempted. It has been suggested that it may perhaps be due to local pollution of the air by factory chimney smoke

Shri Sadhan Gupta: It may be a shower of gold

## WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

## Khargpur Accident

\*680. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No 217 on the 20th November, 1956 and state

(a) whether the final report on the Kharagpur accident has since been submitted to Government, and

(b) if so, whether it has been examined?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) Yes, it has also been accepted by the Government

## कल्याणी नदी में ट्रालर की दुर्घटना

\*६८३ श्री रघुनथ सिंह क्या परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या यह सच है कि रविवार, १ अप्रैल, १९५७ को एक भारतीय ट्रालर जहाज कल्याणी-देवी नदी के मुहाने के निकट रेंज में घस गया और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो इस दुर्घटना का ब्यौरा क्या है?

परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री राज बहादुर) (क) जी हाँ, ३१ मार्च, १९५७ को।

(ख) ३० मार्च, १९५७ को सुबह ५ बजे कलकत्ता में एक कल्याणी-IV नामी मछली पकड़ने वाला मोटर ट्रालर जहाज भारत के पूर्वी तट पर देवी और प्राची नदियों के बीच मछली पकड़ने की यात्रा पर खाना हुआ। ३१ मार्च, को सुबह ८ बजे कर २० मिनट पर हुगली पोतचालक (Hoogly-Pilot) को छुट्टी दी गई और जहाज मछलियों