

**Shri Nambiar:** May I know, Sir, whether the workers on strike are going to be given rice at concessional rates at least on Government cost?

**Shri Abid Ali:** But the strike has now been withdrawn.

#### DAIRY COMMITTEE

\*1085. **Shri K. P. Sinha:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Dairy Committee convened by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research met on the 12th March, 1953 at Poona?

(b) What are the recommendations of this Committee?

(c) Has this Committee or Government formulated any scheme whereby pure milk could be made available for at least the sickly, disabled and infant population of this country?

**The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh):** (a) Yes.

(b) A copy of the recommendations made by this Committee has been placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VII, annexure No. 24.]

(c) No.

**Shri K. P. Sinha:** Has the Government under contemplation any scheme for the production and supply of pure milk?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** That is not our concern. It is the concern of the States. We do it only by way of experiment.

#### CUDDALORE NEW TOWN RAILWAY STATION

\*1086. **Shri Muniswamy:** (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether the Deputy Minister of Railways has recently visited Cuddalore New Town railway station, in Madras State?

(b) What is the progress of the remodelling work on the said railway station?

(c) When will it be completed?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahawaz Khan):** (a) Yes.

(b) and (c): The work has been completed except for the provision of petty fittings. The supply and fixture of these fittings is expected to be completed by April 1953.

**Shri Muniswamy:** May I know, Sir, when the estimates were sanctioned

and what is the reason for this inordinate delay?

**Shri Shahawaz Khan:** As I stated, the whole thing will be completed by April 1953.

**Shri Nambiar:** What was the sanctioned amount and was the full amount utilised? My information is that 8 lakhs.....

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** The hon. Member need not give information. What is the amount spent?

**Shri Shahawaz Khan:** In 1947, the amount sanctioned was Rs. 7,69,500. Later on in 1949, the estimates were revised and in view of the economy effected in the country, they were Rs. 3,73,500.

**Shri Nambiar:** May I know what is the reason for such a large difference? An amount of 4 lakhs of rupees.....

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** He said it was due to economy.

**Shri Nambiar:** May I know, Sir, whether by this economy the station will be a proper one or whether it will be cut?

**Shri Shahawaz Khan:** As I said, Sir, in view of the economy drive, we had to cut it down. But in March 1950, in addition to Rs. 3,73,000 another sum of Rs. 1,84,000 was sanctioned and it has been taken up in the year 1950-51.

**Shri Nambiar:** One question more, Sir. This is a very serious thing.....

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** The hon. Member knows that other hon. Members also come from such places.

#### तेल बाहक जहाज

\*१०८८. श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : क्या यथायत मंत्री यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) भारत को कितने तेल बाहक जहाजों की आवश्यकता है ; और

(ख) इस समय भारत के पास कितने तेल बाहक जहाज हैं ?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahawaz Khan):** (a) It is estimated that about 25 oil tankers will be required to carry the whole of our imports of petroleum products.