

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The category of Conductors is now included in the cadre of Special or Travelling Ticket Examiners, as decided by the Government on the recommendation of the Joint Advisory Committee.

(c) and (d). Out of the ten Conductor Guards in the Allahabad Division, four have been replaced and the remaining six will be replaced as and when vacancies occur.

फसल बीमा योजना

*११५२. सेंट गोविन्द दास : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या फसल बीमा योजना को बाढ़ गुस्त क्षेत्रों में लागू करने का विचार है ?

खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री (श्री ए० पी० जैन): जी, हाँ।

RAILWAY LOCOMOTIVES

*1154. **Shri R. N. Singh:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the total number of Broad Gauge goods locomotives manufactured by the Chittaranjan Locomotive Factory during January 1955?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): Ten locomotives.

TESTS FOR RAILWAY SIGNALLERS

*1155. **Shri Tushar Chatterjee:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the signallers of Howrah Division on the Eastern Railways are subjected to a special test known as Biennial Test, in addition to their normal Efficiency Test as prescribed by the Central Pay Commission;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether similar test is in vogue for signallers in other Railways?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Yes.

(b) The special Biennial tests are given to ensure efficient telegraph working.

(c) Similar Biennial tests are in vogue for signallers on all Railways except the Central Railway where annual tests are in force.

FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT

*1156. **Kumari Annie Mascarene:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the nature of the work done under the Norwegian Aid Programme for developing fisheries in Travancore-Cochin State?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): The work done under the Norwegian Aid Programme comprises:—

- (i) improvement of fish catches by mechanised and other improved methods and by training local fishermen;
- (ii) better distribution of the catches by the provision of storage and transport facilities;
- (iii) improvement in the health and sanitary conditions of the fishermen community; and
- (iv) undertaking such other work as will bring about a higher standard of living for the fishing community in the project area.

K.E.M. HOSPITAL, BOMBAY

*1157. **Dr. Satyawadi:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) the number of doctors trained so far at the Polio Centre in the K. E. M. Hospital, Bombay, started with the help of the World Health Organisation and the number under training at present; and

(b) the number of patients treated in this Centre during 1954?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): (a) There is no Polio Centre attached to the K. E. M. Hospital, Bombay.

(b) Does not arise.

REQUIREMENT OF STEEL

*1158. **Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the average quantity of steel required annually by Railways;

(b) the total quantity actually allocated to different Railways during the year 1954-55; and

(c) out of this, how much is imported?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) 3.5 lakhs tons based on the last two years. This will considerably increase in the coming years.

(b) 3.5 lakh tons. But, the actual supplies take long to materialise and the receipts are very much behind allocation.

(c) 1.4 lakh tons.

परिवहन सुविधाएँ

*११५६. श्री अनिरुद्ध सिंह : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि बिहार से उत्तर बंगाल तथा आसाम को आलू, प्याज तथा ऐसे अन्य माल को ढोने के लिये २६ हजार मनु रोजाना ढोने के हिसाब से मालगाड़ी के डब्बे सोनपुर, समस्तीपुर तथा बनारस से व्यापारियों को मिलते थे,

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि गत तीन महीनों से इन चीजों को ढोने के लिए व्यापारियों को मालगाड़ी के डब्बे इन स्टेशनों पर नहीं मिलते,

(ग) यदि हां तो मालगाड़ी के डब्बे मिलना बन्द होने के क्या कारण हैं, और

(घ) क्या इस सम्बन्ध में व्यापारियों ने रेलवे अधिकारियों का ध्यान आकर्षित किया है ?

रेलवे तथा परिवहन मंत्री के सभासचिव (श्री शाहनवाज खां): (क) तथा (ख). नहीं। दिसम्बर, १९५४ और फरवरी, १९५५ के बीच बिगड़ने वाले माल के लिए ८८ डब्बे दिये गये जबकि दिसम्बर, १९५२ और फरवरी, १९५४ के बीच इसके लिए ४८ डब्बे दिये गये थे। दूसरे माल के लिए क्रमशः २०८ और १,४४८ डब्बे दिये गये।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(घ) कुछ व्यापारियों ने रेलवे के अधिकारियों को लिखा है कि उन्हें अधिक मालाडब्बे दिये जायें। रेलवे इस बात की कोशिश कर रही है कि जहां तक हो सके उनकी मांग पूरी की जाय। लेकिन साथ ही उसे "लिंक रूट" (Link Route) की क्षमता को देखते हुए दूसरी मांगों को भी पूरा करना पड़ता है। बाढ़ के कारण लाइन को भारी नुकसान पहुँचा जिससे माल का भंडन रुक गया और लाइन को ठीक करने के लिए रेलवे के सामान भंडे गये। इससे लाइन पर अधिक गाड़ियाँ चलाना सम्भव न था।

YEMMIGANUR WEAVERS' COOPERATIVE PRODUCTION AND SALES SOCIETY

*1160. **Shri Gadilingana Gowd:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the reply given to starred question No. 1621-A on the 23rd December, 1954 regarding the Yemmiganur Weavers' Co-operative Production and Sales Society and state: