

**Konkan Ferry Service**

- Shri Raghunath Singh:  
 130. { Shri Bade:  
       { Shri Kachhavaiya:  
       { Shri Nath Pai:

Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Konkan Ferry Service has been resumed on the promise that Maharashtra Government would pay the subsidy for 1961-62 in lieu of the increase in fares and cost of repairs and that for the period 1962-63 will be determined by a Committee?

The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport (Shri Raj Bahadur): The Konkan Coastal steamer service has been resumed on the understanding that—

(i) for 1961-62:

(a) the subsidy in lieu of increase of fares would be paid by the Government of Maharashtra.

(b) the subsidy on account of excess cost of repairs of ships would be paid by the Government of Maharashtra and the Government of India in equal shares; and

(ii) for 1962-63 onwards the quantum of subsidy to be paid would be determined by a Committee to be appointed.

**Lanka Station**

131. { Shri P. R. Chakraverti:  
       { Shri P. C. Borooah:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether an aviation spirit wagon at Lanka station (N.E.F.R.) caught fire on or about the 9th October, 1963 causing a number of casualties;

(b) if so, the number of persons killed and injured; and

(c) the cause of the fire?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz

Khan): (a) Yes. But the incident occurred on 8th October, 1963.

(b) Out of 13 injured, 7 succumbed.

(c) According to Government Railway Police report, the cause of the fire was due to one person having filled his Cigarette Lighter with leaking aviation spirit from one of the wagons, tested the lighter, which produced the naked flame. This caused the aviation spirit gas to ignite.

**खेती के योग्य बंजर भूमि**

१३२. { श्री रामसेवक यादव :  
       { श्री सरजू पांडेय :

क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इस समय देश में राज्यवार खेती लायक बंजर जमीन कितनी है ;

(ख) क्या प्रथम, द्वितीय तथा तीसरी योजना में अभी तक कुछ बंजर जमीन खेती के योग्य बनाई गई है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो कितनी, कहाँ-कहाँ तथा खेती लायक पड़ी बंजर जमीन में और खेती के योग्य बनाई गई जमीन में क्या अनुपात है ; और

(घ) क्या सरकार बाकी खेती लायक बंजर जमीन पर खेती कर खाद्यान्न की कमी पूरा करने के लिये अन्न सेना के निर्माण पर विचार कर रही है और उसकी रूप रेखा क्या है ?

खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य-मंत्री (डा० राम सुभग सिंह): (क) से (ग) पूछी हुई जानकारी राज्यों/संघ क्षेत्रों से इकट्ठी की जा रही है और मिलते ही सभा पटल पर रख दी जायेगी ।

(घ) बाकी खेती योग्य बंजर भूमि पर खेती कर खाद्यान्न की कमी पूरा करने के लिये अन्न सेना के निर्माण के विषय में कोई प्रस्ताव

नहीं है। तकनीकी सलाह के केन्द्रीयकरण तथा उन्नत बीज, उर्वरक, वस्ति रक्षा कार्य, सिंचाई तथा सन्निहित खर्च को पूरा करने के लिये ऋण आदि उत्पादन के तरीकों के माध्यम से चुने हुये क्षेत्रों में सघन प्रयत्नों पर जोर दिया जा रहा है।

### बाराबंकी स्टेशन पर दुर्घटनायें

१३३. श्री रामसेवक यादव : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले दस वर्षों में बाराबंकी रेलवे क्रासिंग पर कितनी दुर्घटनायें हुई हैं ;

(ख) क्या रेलवे क्रासिंग के प्रतिरिक्त बाराबंकी स्टेशन पर प्लेटफार्म को पार कर उस पार जाने के लिये ओवर ब्रिज न होने के कारण भी काफी दुर्घटनायें हुई हैं ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो दुर्घटनाओं को रोकने के लिये क्या उपाय हो रहा है ?

रेलवे मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री सै० बें० रामस्वामी) : (क) कोई नहीं।

(ख) जी नहीं। बाराबंकी स्टेशन पर पिछले दस वर्षों से एक ऊपरी पैदल पुल ( foot over bridge ) मौजूद है।

(ग) सवाल नहीं उठता।

### Loan for Agricultural Purposes

134. **Shri Kappen:** Will the Minister of Community Development and Co-operation be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Reserve Bank is fixing annually the credit limit for concessional finance for agricultural purposes to the Central Co-operative Banks; and

(b) if so, the basis for fixing the credit limits?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Community Development and Co-operation (Shri Shyam Dhar Misra) (a) and (b). The information is given

in the statement laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-1839/63].

### Second Pay Commission

135. **Shri Balkrishna Wasnik:** Will the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs be pleased to state:

(a) whether representations have been made that the recommendation of the Second Pay Commission in respect of promotion from Class III Cadres to the Gazetted cadres and the conveyance allowance in big cities be implemented without delay; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

The Deputy Minister in the Department of Posts and Telegraphs (Shri Bhagavati): (a) and (b). Some officials of the P. & T. Department as well as one Service Association have represented that gazetted posts in Circle and Administrative Offices may be reserved for non-gazetted clerical staff. These representations and the question of grant of conveyance allowance in big cities are under consideration.

### Tuliha Aerodrome

136. **Shri Risang Keishing:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that special scheme to improve and extend the Tuliha Aerodrome at Imphal has been proposed;

(b) the acreage of land to be requisitioned and the amount of compensation to be paid; and

(c) the time by which the scheme will be completed and the Aerodrome will be ready for use?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport (Shri Ahmed Mohiuddin): (a) Yes, Sir. A proposal to improve and extend the Tuliha Aerodrome is under examination.