

Shri B. E. Bhagat: What is the population that is still enjoying the benefit of the subsidy?

Shri Kidwai: The people who are purchasing imported milo are still enjoying the subsidy.

FAR EASTERN TRAVEL COMMISSION

*338. **Shri Hukam Singh:** (a) Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state whether any meeting of the conference of the Asian and Far Eastern Travel Commission has taken place?

(b) If so, what are the countries that participated and what were the decisions taken?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): (a) Yes, the first meeting of the Asian and Far Eastern Travel Commission of the International Union of Official Travel Organisations, was held in New Delhi on the 24th and 25th March 1952.

(b) Delegates and observers from the following countries attended the meeting:—

Australia, Cambodia, Ceylon, India, Japan, Philippines, Viet-Nam, Burma and Thailand. The decisions taken and recommendations made at the meeting are contained in the report of the Commission a copy of which is placed on the Table of the House [See Appendix II, annexure No. 27.]

Shri Hukam Singh: Who was the Indian representative at this conference?

Shri L. B. Shastri: Mr. Chakravarti, Joint Secretary, Transport Ministry.

Shri Hukam Singh: Are experts put on the Commission on a regional basis or on any other grounds?

Shri L. B. Shastri: Other factors are also taken into consideration.

Shri Hukam Singh: What are the main functions of this Commission?

Shri L. B. Shastri: There are several functions like collection and dissemination of information on the present state of tourism in the countries of the region, simplification and standardisation of frontier formalities, publication of information on frontier formalities and training facilities for hotel personnel, etc.

Shri Hukam Singh: Was the report published about the deliberations of and the decisions taken by this Commission?

Shri L. B. Shastri: The report has already been laid on the Table of the House.

Shri Gurupadaswamy: May I know whether this Travel Commission is based on an inter-governmental level or on an unofficial level?

Shri L. B. Shastri: Various tourist organisations of Governments are represented among others on this Commission but it is more or less a non-official organisation.

"GROW MORE FOOD" CAMPAIGN

*339. **Shri Hukam Singh:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the target of additional production of foodgrains for the year 1951-52 under the "Grow More Food" Campaign has been achieved; and

(b) what amount was sanctioned for the additional production for the year 1951-52 and what was actually spent?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) The hon. Member may kindly refer to my reply to parts (a) and (b) of Question No. 237 on 28-5-52.

(b) A total amount of Rs. 17.82 crores was sanctioned by the Government of India as grants and loans during 1951-52. The information regarding actual expenditure will not be available till some time after 30th June, 1952, since the schemes are still in progress as explained by me in reply to Question No. 237 on the 28th May, 1952.

Shri Hukam Singh: What was the amount given as grants and what was the amount given as loans?

Shri Kidwai: Rs. 10,18,96,925 was granted as loans and Rs. 6,65,42,171 was given as grants.

Shri Hukam Singh: What was the total number of tube wells drilled this year under the Grow More Food Campaign?

Shri Kidwai: I will require notice.

Shri Hukam Singh: Is it a fact that a firm was given a contract to dig 965 tube-wells whereas during the whole year it drilled only 57?

Shri Kidwai: As I said, I will require notice about the question of how this grant was to be spent on different schemes, as also about the details.

Jonab Amjad Ali: May I know from the Government whether this Grow More Food Campaign has been a uniform success throughout the country?

Mr. Speaker: That will be more or less a matter of opinion.

Shrimati Renu Chakravartty: What were the main methods employed for the Grow More Food Campaign this year?

Mr. Speaker: Main methods?

Shrimati Renu Chakravartty: Yes, for example tube-wells, etc.

Shri Kidwai: I think the hon. Member wants to know what were the main methods employed in this Grow More Food Campaign during the last year. I think most of the money was to be spent in providing irrigation water in places where water was not available.

Shri Nambiar: May I know whether electricity will be supplied in the southern Districts of Madras where now electricity is not given by the Government of Madras for irrigation purposes?

Shri Kidwai: That depends upon the availability of electricity and the decision of the Madras Government.

Shri Velayudhan: May I know whether the integrated plan of growing more food along with more jute is now abandoned and a new scheme formulated by the hon. Minister?

Shri Kidwai: Sir, this question was about the money advanced to the different States for the Grow More Food Campaign, and I have given a reply to that.

श्री जांगड़े : क्या माननीय मंत्री महोदय बतलायेंगे कि अधिक अन्न उपजाओं आन्दोलन के बहाने मालगुजारों ने जंगलों को बरबाद कर दिया है और उन जंगलों को बरबाद करने के बाद उस में काष्ठ कुछ भी नहीं करते हैं।

[**Shri Jangde:** Will the hon. Minister please state whether it is a fact that under cover of the "Grow More Food Campaign", the Zamindars have destroyed forests and have done no cultivation there afterwards?]

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. I don't think it arises out of this question.

Shri Hukam Singh: What actual incentive besides giving grants and loans was given to the actual cultivator to grow more food?

Shri Kidwai: His desire to increase his income is always an incentive.

Mr. Speaker: He wants to know the specific steps taken for that.

Shri Kidwai: He was helped in bringing new land under cultivation.

MUKERIAN-PATHANKOT RAILWAY LINE

*340. **Shri Hukam Singh:** (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the total capital expenditure incurred in the construction of Mukerian-Panthankot Railway line in the Punjab?

(b) Is it proposed to run any fast train also on this track for passengers bound for Kashmir?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): (a) The construction of Mukerian-Pathankot line is estimated to cost Rs. 3.77 crores approximately. Of this, a sum of Rs. 2.67 crores was spent upto 31st December 1951.

(b) Kashmir Mail between Delhi and Pathankot runs via this route.

Shri Hukam Singh: Is it any part of the railway line that remains to be constructed, or is it only the construction of railway stations and other amenities that remains to be provided?

Shri L. B. Shastri: I shall require notice.

Shri Hukam Singh: What volume of mileage shall be saved by the traveller by taking this route?

Shri L. B. Shastri: I want notice.

CHINESE PADDY

*341. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether a proposal is under consideration to try the cultivation of different varieties of Chinese paddy in India?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): Yes.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: May I know the States where Chinese paddy is going to be tried out this year?

Shri Kidwai: It is being tried in many States such as Kashmir, Bombay,