

Guntur, Rajkot, Cochin, Madras, Calcutta, Bombay and Chandigarh.

**Shri Sham Lal Saraf:** Do Government contemplate setting up an agency that will enable this laboratory to help the growers or users of these commodities that are being analysed?

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Actually, these laboratories are going to be established with a view to help the growers and all possible steps will be taken to utilise them as best as possible. As regards the suggestion of the hon. Member, it cannot be done at present.

**Shri Basumatari:** What additional steps have been taken by Government to expedite the establishment of these laboratories in view of the present emergency?

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Actually, we have already established two laboratories, one at Guntur and another at Madras. The Madras laboratory was set up only last month. We have requested the Housing Ministry to provide accommodation at Calcutta and the moment we get that, we will establish the laboratory at Calcutta.

**श्री विभूति मिश्र :** यह जो लैबोरेटरी है, इससे चार पांच सूबों को लाभ पहुंचेगा। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि जो इंडिविजुअल अपना सामान भेजेंगे, उसका क्या तरीका होगा और क्या जिस का सामान टैस्ट किया जायगा, उसके लिये सरकार पैसा भी चार्ज करेगी ?

**डा० राम सुभग सिंह :** असल में दो तरह की लैबोरेटरीज बनाने का विचार है और बन भी रही हैं। एक ग्रेंडिंग लैबोरेटरी है और दूसरी कण्ट्रोल लैबोरेटरी। ग्रेंडिंग लैबोरेटरीज बहुत व्यापक रूप से हर जगह बनाई जा रही है और विभिन्न पदार्थों के लिए वे होंगी। उनकी स्थापना ज्यादातर उत्पादकों अथवा व्यापारियों की ओर से हो रही है। कण्ट्रोल लैबोरेटरी का हर एक उत्पादक से सीधा

सम्बन्ध नहीं होगा। इसलिये प्रत्येक आदमी की जरूरत की पूर्ति करने की बात इसमें नहीं आती है।

**Shri Kunhan:** How long will it take to establish the laboratory at Cochin?

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Government is constructing the building to house the laboratory and the moment it is ready, it will be established.

### Coastal Trade

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\*160. { Shri B. K. Das:  
Shri S. C. Samanta:  
Shri Subodh Hansda:  
Dr. P. Mandal:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) how much cargo is planned to be carried through coastal trade during the current year;

(b) whether the indigenous tonnage would be adequate to carry the entire quantity; and

(c) if not, what steps are being taken for their development to that capacity?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Bhagavati):** (a) The estimated volume of the dry cargo trade on the Indian Coast during 1962 is about 39 lakh tons.

(b) and (c). Except for some ships chartered for the increased coal movement from Calcutta, the entire dry cargo will be carried by Indian ships. These charters have also now been stopped with the acquisition of a few ships recently. Some more second-hand ships are expected to be acquired shortly.

**Shri B. K. Das:** May I know whether the additional coal planned to be carried by coastal trade is included in the quantity mentioned by the Hon'ble Minister?

**Shri Bhagavati:** Yes, Sir; coal has been included.

**Shri B. K. Das:** May I know what financial assistance in the form of foreign exchange is to be given to shipping companies for acquiring tonnage this year?

**Shri Bhagavati:** Ten ships are going to be acquired. There is difficulty of foreign exchange. So we cannot purchase new ships. We are going to acquire some second-hand ships for Jayanti Shipping Company, Rajkumar Lines, Calcutta Steam Navigation Company and R. Sen and Company.

**Shri Subodh Hansda:** The Minister stated that coal is one of the cargoes to be carried by coastal shipping. May I know whether the cost of transport of coal by coastal shipping is cheaper than the cost of transport by land?

**Shri Bhagavati:** I think so.

श्री तुलसीदास यादव : भ्रान ए. प्वाइंट  
ग्राफ इनफार्मेशन सर । यह जो क्वेश्चन लिस्ट  
हमको सप्ताई की गई है, यह भिन्न है और  
इसमें यह सवाल नहीं है ।

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** Is it not a fact that private parties have come forward to seek assistance from the Central Government to increase the indigenous tonnage and get ships for coastal trade; if so, how many?

**Shri Bhagavati:** As I have said, it has been decided to acquire ten ships. About private parties, I cannot give that information.

**Shri Ranga:** May I ask whether Government have taken any steps to broad-base the Natural Calamity Insurance Fund which they said they were organising, and whether any further progress has been in order to ensure.....

**Shrimati Renuka Ray:** That question has not come.

**Mr. Speaker:** Probably Shri Ranga has not been keeping pace.

**Shri Ranga:** I thought it was answered in Hindi.

**Mr. Speaker:** We are on coastal trade.

**Shri Jaswant Singh:** May I know how many foreign ships were chartered last year for transport of coal, and foreign exchange involved in it?

**Shri Bhagavati:** To supplement the owned tonnage, we chartered seven vessels, and they performed on an average five trips per months for the movement of coal. As to the foreign exchange involved, I cannot give the answer.

**Mr. Speaker:** Next question.

**Shri Thirumala Rao:** One relevant question.

**Mr. Speaker:** I am sorry.

#### Loss of Crops and Cattle due to Floods

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 Shri G. K. Singha:  
 Shri Subodh Hansda:  
 Shri S. C. Samanta:  
 Shri N. R. Laskar:  
 Shri Vishram Prasad:  
 Dr. P. N. Khan:  
 Shri Kol'a Venkaiah:  
 Shri Yashpal Singh:  
 Shri P. C. Borooah:  
 Shri P. Venkatasubbaiah:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government made any assessment of damage to crops and cattle due to last floods in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) amount given so far to the various States by way of relief (State-wise)?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Shinde):** (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha in due course.