

(b) 50 per cent of the realisations from 3 lakh metric tons of sugar will be used for import of fertilizers, zinc, dissolving pulp, raw asbestos and sulphur.

श्री यशपाल सिंह : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि पिछले साल के बनिस्बत इस साल हमको कितनी कम चीनी का एक्सपोर्ट करना है ?

Shri Shinde: As far as this year is concerned, we are exporting more than in the last year.

श्री यशपाल सिंह : क्या मैं यह भी जान सकता हूँ कि शुगर की सेल बढ़ रही है या घट रही है ?

Shri Shinde: I do not know what is meant by the hon. Member. If he refers to internal sales, even internal sales are going up. As far as international trade is concerned, even for the international market, there is a great demand for sugar.

Shri Biswanath Roy: In view of the fact that production of sugar has declined this year, may I know whether exports would be affected in any way this year and if so, what will be the quantity that might be exported.

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri S. K. Patil): This is export figure which is already contracted. So far as future export is concerned, that would not be undertaken unless we know the nature of production next year.

Shri Shivaji Rao S. Deshmukh: May I know what portion of the S.T.C. export of sugar is reserved for the co-operatives and what portion is reserved for crystal sugar for export?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): It is proportionate to each factory's production without distinction whether it is a co-operative sugar factory or other factory.

Shri Shivaji Rao S. Deshmukh: The collective figure may be given.

Mr. Speaker: The question hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Purchase of Ships by Indian Shipping Company

*743. **Shri Raghunath Singh:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Indian Shipping Company has purchased any ship which was chartered to China; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). The Jayanti Shipping Company had purchased five ships from a British firm "Court Line Ltd." of which one namely Barrington Court was on charter to China. The ship was to be delivered to the Indian Company from charter commitments. It was registered as an Indian ship after delivery free from charter obligations.

Siliguri-Jogighopa Railway Line

*757. **Shri P. C. Borooah:**
Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri Kapur Singh:
Shri Narasimha Reddy:
Shrimati Basant Kunwari:
Shri Bishwanath Roy:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved the scheme for the construction of a broad gauge railway line between Siliguri and Jogighopa in Assam;

(b) if so, the cost of the scheme; and

(c) whether the work has been taken in hand?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz

Khan): (a) to (c). The final location survey for a Broad Gauge line from near Siliguri to Jogighopa in Assam has been sanctioned. Sanction to start construction of the line will depend on the results of the survey. The work is likely to cost about Rs. 32 crores.

Air Lanes

*758. { **Shri P. C. Borooah:**
Shri Surendra Pal Singh:
Shri Maheswar Naik:
Shri Indrajit Gupta:

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

(a) whether Government propose to introduce 'air-lanes' marking and safety devices along the airways to guide planes;

(b) if so, how many and on which routes these devices are to be introduced;

(c) whether the requisite equipment has been acquired and if so, from where; and

(d) further steps so far taken in that direction?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Mohiuddin): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir, it is proposed to introduce Airways System for easy flow of traffic along the main trunk routes and across the country.

(c) and (d). Basic facilities are available at certain locations along the routes. Additional equipment would be required. Details are being worked out.

Trunk Telephone Lines

1514. **Shri Karni Singhji:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there are frequent breakdowns

and failures of trunk telephone lines between the Capital and important State Capitals and important towns like Jaipur for instance on the 25th February, 1963 when the lines both for Jaipur and Bikaner were out of order for considerable time; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to remedy these frequent breakdowns?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Bhagavati): (a) Government is aware that breakdowns on trunk lines sometimes occur. These are due to certain unavoidable reasons, such as storms, thunder-shower, copper wire thefts, etc. As for the specific instance quoted in the question, the lines between New Delhi and Jaipur were interrupted on 25th February, 1963 due to a fire in some huts located under the alignment at a distance of 46 KM from New Delhi.

(b) Such Breakdowns cannot be totally avoided. If the frequency of breakdowns on any particular alignment is observed to be high, special investigations are instituted and appropriate remedial action taken, subject to availability of resources.

Diesel Locomotives

1515. **Shri Daljit Singh:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether requirements of Diesel Locomotives up to the end of the Third Plan period have been ascertained; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The estimated requirements of Diesel Locomotives upto the end of