

amount claimed by the NDMC was about Rs. 24,723 and it was paid.

Shri D. C. Sharma: Is it a fact that this ground rent is in some way responsible for the increase in the price of the milk sold? If so, what is being done to bring down the price of the milk so that it is within the reach of each one?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): As is well known, the milk supplied in Delhi through the Delhi Milk Scheme is the cheapest in the country. With regard to the ground rent, of course within the Corporation area we are paying only at the rate of Rs. 10 per booth, whereas the NDMC are demanding Rs. 18.25 per booth. We have taken up the matter with the NDMC also.

श्री यज्ञपाल सिंह : क्या सरकार ने इस तरह की कोई मूब की है कि इससे कृषि मंत्रालय का अपना कोई लाभ नहीं है और दिल्ली की जनता का ही इस में लाभ है, इसलिये यह जमीन जो है यह दिल्ली की जनता के लिये दी जाये और इस पर किसी किराये वगैरह की मांग करने की जरूरत नहीं है ?

Shri Shinde: Representation is being made to the Municipal Committee on the lines suggested by the hon. Member. Of course, the Milk Supply authority is agreeable to pay a reasonable rent. The contention is that excessive rent should not be charged.

Electrification of Indian Railways

*889. **Shri H. N. Mukerjee:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the overall position of electrification at present in the Indian Railways;

(b) whether small items, ancillary to electrification like aluminium rods, solid core insulators, malleable cast

iron fittings are being indigenously manufactured; and

(c) if so, to what extent?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) to (c). A statement is placed on the Table of the House. [Placed in the Library, see No. LT-1132/63].

Shri H. N. Mukerjee: Could I know when electric trains will run over the entire area from Howrah to Moghalsarai, including the chord service between Howrah and Burdwan?

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: The programme is this: Waria docks—December, 1964; Moghalsarai to Allahabad—September, 1964; Allahabad to Kanpur—September, 1965.

Mr. Speaker: He wanted to know about Howrah-Moghalsarai.

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: It will be completed in about two year's time.

Shri H. N. Mukerjee: I find from the statement that in spite of efforts by the Railway Ministry to develop indigenous sources, a substantial proportion of items ancillary to electrification are still procured from abroad. May I know when all these ancillary items would be indigenously manufactured?

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: As has been mentioned in the statement, the percentage was 34 and now it has come down to 12, and efforts are being continuously made to reduce this percentage still further.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: Are any comparative statistics available of the cost of electrification per route kilometre, in different countries of the world, and if the cost of electrification in India is very high compared to other countries, what are the reasons therefor?

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: The question does not arise out of this. I would require notice.

Shri C. K. Bhattacharyya: When will electrification be completed between Sealdah and Ranaghat and Sealdah South?

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: Sealdah-Ranaghat—June, 1963; Sealdah South—March, 1965.

Shri H. P. Chatterjee: How long will it take to electrify beyond Ranaghat up to Krishnagar City and Santipur from Sealdah?

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: Ranaghat to Krishnagar City will be December, 1963; Kalinarayanpur to Shantipur also December, 1963.

Dr. Ranen Sen: Is it a fact that after electrification up to Moghalsarai from Howrah, passenger trains will not be run on electricity? If so, what is the reason?

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: Goods trains will have the preference.

श्री यशपाल सिंह क्या सरकार ने इस बात पर गौर किया है कि इस समय हमारी आर्डनेन्स फॅक्ट्रीज को डिफेंस प्रिपे-रेशन के लिये पावर की जरूरत है और पूरी पावर उन्हें नहीं मिल रही है, इस लिये रेलों का एलेक्ट्रिफिकेशन थोड़े समय के लिये रोक दिया जाये ?

रेलवे मंत्री (श्री स्वर्ण सिंह) मेरा खयाल है कि माननीय सदस्य को गलत इत्तला मिली है। आर्डनेन्स फॅक्ट्रीज को सब से पहले बिजली दी जाती है, और मेरी नालेज में कोई ऐसी जगह नहीं है जहां रेलवे का एलेक्ट्रिफिकेशन बन्द कर दिया जाये तो आर्डनेन्स फॅक्ट्रीज को ज्यादा बिजली मिलने लगेगी।

Shri Ramanathan Chettiar: In view of the inordinate delay in completing the Tambaram-Villupuram electrification scheme, what steps do Government propose to take to expedite the scheme and complete it by the end of the Third Plan?

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: There is no inordinate delay. It is expected to be completed by September, 1964.

Milk Drying Plants

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*891 { **Shri R. Barua:**
Shri P. Venkatasubbaiah:
Shrimati Renuka Ray:

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

(a) whether Government propose to set up milk drying plants, creamery and intensive cattle development centres in the country during 1963-64; and

(b) if so, their location and their capacity?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Shinde): (a) Yes.

(b) A statement containing the required information is placed on the table of the House (Placed in the Library. See No. LT-1133/63.)

Shri R. Barua: From the statement it appears that four States are covered by the scheme. May I know on what principle these States have been selected for the purpose of this scheme?

Shri Shinde: The States were selected on the basis of a report which was prepared by dairy experts and also on the basis of the demands made by the various States.

Shri R. Barua: Am I to understand that the other States are not pressing their demands for these milk drying plants?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): This is for the manufacture of milk powder. The choice has been made on the basis of intensive cattle development areas.

Shri P. Venkatasubbaiah: May I know what special steps Government have taken to popularise the Ongole breed through this cattle development project?

Shri Shinde: This is not a very relevant question. But I may say that the propagation of important breeds is