

to be given for everything. May I know what arrangements are going to be made for the distribution of fertilisers, agricultural implements, pesticides and so on? What is the good of giving subsidy if these things are not increasingly made available?

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: The quantity of nitrogenous fertiliser is increasing every day. This year we distributed about 4.9 lakh tons nitrogenous fertilisers. Wherever there is any disease noticeable, particularly if it happens in cash crop areas, we are sending our aerial unit and other units and we do spraying work. In every package district one workshop has been established for producing agricultural implements through blocks also we have been distributing improved agricultural implements in certain areas with a view to see that the growers take full advantage of this subsidy.

Shri P. B. Chakraverti: What are the criteria which have been determined for fixing particular areas for this increased production?

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: In consultation with the State Governments these districts are selected, and the chief criteria particularly for paddy are that there should be irrigation facilities existing in that area. For bajra, jowar and pulses, the criteria are that they should be the chief bajra, jowar or pulses growing areas.

श्री प्रकाशवीर शास्त्री : योजना आयोग की इस राष्ट्रीय विकास परिषद् ने पिछली दो पंचवर्षीय योजनाओं में निर्धारित लक्ष्य तक कृषि उत्पादन न पहुंचने के संबंध में भी क्या कोई असन्तोष व्यक्त किया है, यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण बतलाये गये हैं ?

डा० राम सुभग सिंह : अब असल में हम लोगों को तो कोई खास इस रूप में लिख कर दिया नहीं है कि असन्तोष है। अब असन्तोष के लिये अगर कारण कोई यह कहें कि जो ४ मिलियन एकड़ सिंचाई का साधन बनाया गया

था उस का उपयोग नहीं हो रहा है तो उस के लिये खाद्य और कृषि मंत्रालय कहां तक जवाबदेह है यह खुद माननीय सदस्य समझ सकते हैं।

Shri Indrajit Gupta: In the statement which has been given I find it stated that a reasonable purchase price for paddy and rice has been fixed in different areas. May I know whether this price is being statutorily fixed? What is the basis on which it is being fixed? If it is not being statutorily fixed, how do the Government propose to enforce it?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri S. K. Patil): The Government propose to enforce it as they have been enforcing it in the matter of wheat, etc., saying that this is the minimum price. Of course, we do not expect that the price should fall so low that the farmers should come to the minimum. But supposing that they reach the minimum, the Government enters the market and buys the stock so that the farmer should not suffer.

Wagon Shortage

*11. **Dr. L. M. Singhvi:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the position to date in respect of wagon shortage; and

(b) what steps have of late been taken to ensure a more satisfactory wagon-user position?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

(a) There was a shortage of about 12,100 B.G. and 4,600 M.G. wagons as against the Plan provision at the end of November, 1962.

(b) The following measures continue to be taken to increase wagon

usage:—

- (i) The question of loading of coal on Sundays at the same level as on week days has been taken up with the Ministry of Mines and Fuel.
- (ii) Major industries have been asked to ensure that the loading on Sundays and Holidays is at the same level as on week days.
- (iii) A drive has been instituted to increase the originating wagon load by permitting loading to the extent of 2 tons in excess of the carrying capacity of a wagon.
- (iv) Work of Wagon Chasing organization has been intensified so as to prevent unnecessary detentions to wagons in the Marshalling and Terminal yards and also at transshipment point.
- (v) Diesalisation and Electrification are being progressively introduced on the Railways to step up movements.
- (vi) Remodelling of Marshalling and Terminal yards as also the transshipment points in the light of increase in the volume of traffic has been undertaken on an extensive scale.
- (vii) Line capacity works like doubling, opening of additional crossing stations, improvement of signalling etc. are being pushed through to completion with a view to secure an adequate increase in capacity for the increasing volume of goods traffic offering
- (viii) Intensification of movement of different commodities by block loads wherever feasible.
- (ix) Introduction of Quick Transit Service and Crack Goods Trains for expeditious clearance of goods between important cities.

Dr. L. M. Singhvi: It appears from the statement that there was a shortage of about 12,100 BG and 4,600 BG wagons as against the Plan provision at the end of November, 1962. I would like to know whether this shortage is likely to continue or whether the Government expects that during this Plan we will be able to overcome this shortage as against the Plan provision and, if so, how it expects to overcome this?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: We feel confident that we will be able to make up this shortage. For the information of the hon. Member I would like to say that during the year 1961-62, the number of wagons in terms of four-wheelers produced in the country was 19,000; in 1962-63, it will be 24,000. In 1963-64, it will be of the order of 33,000. So, there will be no difficulty in making up this number.

Dr. L. M. Singhvi: A comprehensive scheme of measures that are being adopted has been outlined in the statement laid before the House. I would like to know whether any evaluation has been made as to why this scheme was not functioning effectively enough in the past and whether it can be further streamlined now and, if so, in what manner?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: The measures adopted have yielded good results. In fact, we have actually exceeded the target which was fixed for carrying goods traffic during this year.

Dr. L. M. Singhvi: May I know whether any evaluation has been made for the various measures that have been outlined in the statement and whether any individual evaluation for each measure has been made to see how effectively each measure has been functioning? May I know whether any such evaluation or study has been made by the Government?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: The effort is to be judged by the results attained, and as I stated, from April, 1962 to January, 1963 the additional traffic which was carried is 13.4 million tons compared with the preceding year.

This, as I said, exceeds the actual target, which was fixed for this year at 12.7 million tons. We have exceeded the target.

डा० गोविन्द दास : क्या यह बात सही है कि इन वैगनों की कमी की अड़चन कुछ क्षेत्रों में कम और कुछ क्षेत्रों में अधिक है? क्या इस बात का प्रयत्न किया जा रहा है कि सब क्षेत्रों में समान रूप से वैगन्ज दी जायें ताकि अगर वैगन्ज के संबंध में अड़चन हो भी, तो वह सब क्षेत्रों में समान रूप से रहे?

श्री शाहनवाज खां : यह सही है कि कहीं कहीं जरा ज्यादा कमी महसूस हुई। खासकर कर के ब्रेजवादा से जन्व की तरफ, मद्रास की डायरेक्शन में और कुछ आसाम, नार्थ ईस्ट-फ्रंटियर रेलवे में....

डा० गोविन्द दास : और मध्य प्रदेश में।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : इसके बिना तो यह सवाल करने का माननीय सदस्य का जो मतलब था, वह तो हल नहीं हुआ।

श्री शाहनवाज खां : जहां जहां उनकी कमी महसूस हुई है, वहां पर हालात को सुधारने के लिये इकदाम उठाये जा रहे हैं।

Shrimati Savitri Nigam: In the statement, it has been mentioned:

"Introduction of Quick Transport Service and Crack Goods Trains for expeditious clearance of goods between important cities."

I would like to know what are the cities where this service has been introduced.

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan: These services are functioning between all important cities in the country.

श्री विभूति मिश्र : क्या यह सही है कि ब्राड गेज पर सरकार जितना ध्यान देती है, मीटर गेज पर वह उतना ध्यान नहीं देती है? क्या यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या सरकार

मीटर गेज पर वैगन्ज को बढ़ाने की कोशिश कर रही है।

श्री शाहनवाज खां : माननीय सदस्य ने जो फरमाया है, वह सही नहीं है। मीटर गेज पर भी उतनी ही तवज्जह दी जाती है, जितनी कि ब्राड गेज पर।

श्री कमल नयन बजाज : क्या मंत्री महोदय इस बात को जानते हैं कि चांदा एरिया में, जहां पर कोयला काफी जाता है, वैगन्ज की कमी की वजह से नार्मल व्यापार में और काटन तथा दूसरी चीजें ले जाने में काफी डिस्टर्बेंस हो रही है? जैसाकि माननीय सदस्य श्री विभूति मिश्र ने पूछा है मैं यह भी जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या माननीय मंत्री जी जानते हैं कि मीटर-गेज में और खासकर शुगर एरियाज में, जहां शुगर फैक्ट्रीज हैं, शुगर भेजने के लिये परवानगी मिल जाती है, लेकिन वैगन्ज न मिलने के कारण माल के डिस्ट्रिब्यूशन में दिक्कतें पैदा हो रही हैं। क्या मंत्री महोदय इस तरफ ध्यान देंगे?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : माननीय सदस्य के केवल एक ही प्रश्न का उत्तर दिया जाये।

श्री विभूति मिश्र : अध्यक्ष महोदय, अगर दोनों प्रश्नों का जवाब दिया जाये, तो अच्छा होगा।

श्री शाहनवाज खां : जैसाकि मैंने अर्ज किया है इस बरस जो लोडिंग की पोजीशन है वह पहले बरसों से बेहतर है और जो तकलीफ पहले महसूस होती थी, उससे कम है। इसका पता इस बात से चलता है कि हमारे ऊपर कितनी आउटस्टैंडिंग डिमांड्स हैं। ३१ जनवरी, १९६२ को ब्राड-गेज पर आउटस्टैंडिंग रजिस्ट्रेशन ६७ हजार थीं, जब कि ३१ जनवरी, १९६३ को, यानी इस बरस, यह फिगर ६४,२०० के लगभग थी। इस से जाहिर है कि आउटस्टैंडिंग रजिस्ट्रेशन लगभग ६८ हजार से ६४ हजार तक रह गई। इसी तरह मीटरगेज पर आउटस्टैंडिंग रजिस्ट्रेशन ४६,३०० से ४०,५०० रह गई इस

से पता चलता है कि पोजीशन रोज-ब-रोज बेहतर होती जा रही है।

Food Production

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- *12. { Shri P. Venkatasubbaiah:
Shri Shree Narayan Das:

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

(a) whether there is any increase in production of foodgrains including millets in the country during the current year; and

(b) if so, how much?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) The estimates of production of foodgrains including millets during the current year will become available towards the close of the agricultural year 1962-63 i.e. about June-July, 1963, after the All-India Final Estimates of all Foodgrains Crops are issued. Certain broad indications suggest that foodgrains production in 1962-63 will be somewhat higher than during the last year.

(b) Does not arise.

Shri P. Venkatasubbaiah: The third Plan envisages an increase of 6 per cent per annum in overall food-production. I would like to know whether that target has been reached.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: About jowar, bajra, maize and ragi and certain other small millets, the increase in 1962-63 has been of the order of about 8 per cent. But as I said in the main reply, the exact figure will be given after the close of the agricultural year. We are hopeful that the target will be achieved. Because in agriculture there is a cycle of agricultural season the overall production cannot be exactly indicated each year, but we are working towards achieving the target set out in the Third Five Year Plan and we hope that it will be achieved.

Shri P. Venkatasubbaiah: May I know whether there has been a com-

plaint that the entire irrigation potential that has been created in this country has not been fully utilised with the result that there is a shortfall in the overall production so far as paddy is concerned; and, if so, whether any intensive efforts are being made to remove the bottlenecks for the full utilisation of the irrigation potential that has been created in the country?

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: On behalf of the Food and Agriculture Ministry we had suggested to the Planning Commission and also our National Development Council that co-ordinated efforts should be made to utilise the entire water potential available in the country. I also told the Planning Commission that they could give us at least one project area, the DVC or any other area, where the water had not been fully utilised and I said, on behalf of the Agriculture Ministry, that we shall see to it that we take full advantage of all the water potential available.

श्री तुलसी दास जाधव: क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि १९६१-६२ और १९६२-६३ में जो अनाज, फूडग्रेन्ज, पैदा हुआ है, उसकी क्वांटिटी क्या है ?

डा० राम सुभग सिंह : करीब ८ करोड़ टन के करीब कुल खाद्य पदार्थ वाला अनाज होता है। उससे थोड़ा सा कम या अधिक चाहे हो।

Shri A. P. Jain: I take it that the figures for kharif-1962 are available. May I know how these figures of production for kharif-1962 compare with the figures for 1961?

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: That is what I said when in my reply I mentioned that the production of bajra, jowar, maize, ragi and other...

Shri A. P. Jain: I am asking about the total production including paddy.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: We will give later the figures of total production of paddy, but in the matter of millets, maize and other things the