

(b) The strikers demanded an increase in the price of sugarcane.

(c) Production may be affected to some extent.

Import of Foodgrains

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 Shri D. C. Sharma:
 Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
 Shri P. C. Borooah:
 Shri Hukum Unand
 Kachhavaiya:
 Shri Bade:
 Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:
 Shri Bibhuti Mishra:
 Shrimati Renuka Ray:
 Shri Rameshwar Tantia:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that U.S. foodgrain shipments to India were held up as a result of the strike by the dock workers which halted all shipping from all Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico ports; and

(b) if so, the loss sustained as a result thereof?

The Minister of **Food and Agriculture** (Shri C. Subramaniam) (a):
 Yes, Sir.

(b) Since the strike is still continuing in the Gulf ports where our foodgrains ships are held up, it is not possible at this stage to assess the loss.

खादी और ग्रामोद्योग

180. { श्री सिद्धेश्वर प्रसाद :
 श्री कृ० चं० पन्त :

क्या सामाजिक सुरक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) खादी तथा ग्रामोद्योग आयोग द्वारा 1964 में खादी तथा ग्रामोद्योगों पर राज्यवार कितना व्यय किया गया;

(ख) आयोग ने उक्त अवधि में राज्यवार कितनी सहायता दी; और

(ग) खादी तथा ग्रामोद्योगों को ग्रामीण जनता में लोकप्रिय बनाने के लिये क्या कदम

उठाये गये हैं अथवा उठाने का विचार है ?

विधि मंत्रालय में उप-मंत्री (श्री जनप्राथ राव) : (क) में (ग). सूचना एकत्रित की जा रही है और कुछ ही समय तक सभा-पटल पर रख दी जायेगी ।

Gazal-Raiganj National Highway

181. Shri C. K. Bhattacharyya: Will the Minister of **Transport** be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 78 on the 17th November, 1964 and state:

(a) the progress so far made towards the completion of the Gazal-Raiganj part of National Highway 34;

(b) whether the bridge across the river Chiramati had been completed; and

(c) if so, whether the road is now open to traffic?

The Minister of **Transport** (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a). The first phase works i.e., earthwork, metalling culverts, etc., have been completed. The second phase work i.e., increasing the thickness of metal crust where necessary and black topping are in progress.

(b) Yes.

(c) The road is expected to be opened to traffic in April, 1965.

Afforestation

182. Shri Ram Harkh Yadav: Will the Minister of **Food and Agriculture** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rumania has offered saplings and cuttings of fast growing plants to aid the afforestation programme in India; and

(b) if so, the details of the agreement and how it is to be implemented?

The Deputy Minister in the **Ministry of Food and Agriculture** (Shri