

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: A separate question may be put.

Aid to Famine Stricken District of Andhra Pradesh

*938. **Shri Esvara Reddy:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh have requested the Central Government for financial and other assistance for providing relief to the people in the famine stricken district of Anantpur, Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the amount and nature of assistance given so far?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Shinde): (a) and (b). This question relates to the Ministry of Finance and the Minister of Finance will reply the same on the day allotted to that Ministry.

Shri S. M. Banerjee rose—

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. The hon. Member also should have been informed like that. We have taken a decision on this matter earlier.

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: This has become regular now. It never happened earlier.

Mr. Speaker: I would request hon. Ministers to take note of this. I have requested them already, twice before, to see that when a question has been transferred to another Ministry information should also be sent to the Member concerned. Or at least it should be given to the office and the office could pass it on, if the Ministry cannot do it directly. The hon. Member should know that his question is not being taken up on that particular day. He comes prepared with his question and he is ready to put supplementaries. So, he should know before-hand, if his question has been transferred to another Ministry. I am repeating my request and I hope this will be taken note of.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: May I submit that we have tabled many questions about the famine-stricken areas, and the Food Ministry knows it, and yet the replies are not forthcoming.

Mr. Speaker: If even now, after my request, replies are not forthcoming, the hon. Member can take objection, and I shall ask both of them to reply. Next question.

Telegraphic Messages by Telephone

*940. **Shri Samnani:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the experiment of conveying incoming telegraphic messages by telephone to the addressees has been successful;

(b) whether any complaints of delay in conveying these messages have been received, particularly in Delhi; and

(c) if so, the number of such complaints received from 1st January to 31st March, 1962?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Bhagavati): (a) Yes.

(b) Yes, very few.

(c) Three in Delhi.

Railway Line between Sagar and Talguppa

*941. **Shri Mohsin:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railway Board expressed its intention to close the railway line between Sagar and Talguppa in Mysore State, and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Mysore Government have made a strong representation against this and have suggested to extend the line up to Goa?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) and (b). In order to minimise the loss on the working of the Sagar-