

(b) whether it is a fact that the wastage in storage has been due to absence of proper storage bins which had not been constructed in accordance with the First Five Year Plan; and

(c) the total rent being paid annually by the Government of India for such storage of wheat?

The Minister for Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) Details are as follows:—

	Figures in tons	Percentage Loss
Quantity shortlanded :		
1955	816	0.19
1956	840	0.08
Quantity lost in storage :		
1955	2214	0.60
1956	532	0.07

The information regarding transit losses is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha in due course

(b) No.

(c) The amount of rent paid for storage of all kinds of foodgrains was Rs 56.61 lakhs during 1955-56 and Rs 64.08 lakhs during 1956-57.

Unloading of Food Ships

*312 { Shri S. V. Ramaswami:
Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:

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

(a) how many ships, laden with food, awaited unloading in the various ports of India in the month of June and how much demurrage had to be paid on account of such awaiting; and

(b) the currency in which such demurrage was paid?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A.P. Jain): (a) 51 ships had to wait for varying periods for berths during June, 1957. Demurrage payable in respect of these ships has

not yet been calculated and agreed with shipowners. Demurrage depends not merely on the time taken to get a berth but also on rate of discharge and other factors.

(b) The demurrage where payable, is generally paid in dollars, in the case of U.S. flag vessels, in Sterling in the case of other non-Indian vessels and in Rupees in the case of Indian vessels.

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श्री रा० स० तिवारो .
श्री रघुनाथ सिंह :
श्री मोहन स्वयंवर :
श्री गणपति राव :

क्या कृषि तथा कृषि मंत्री एक ऐसा विवरण सभा-पटल पर रखने की कृपा करेंगे जिसमें निम्नलिखित जानकारी दी हुई हो

(क) क्या इस वर्ष भी वनमहोत्सव मनाया गया है,

(ख) यदि हा, तो प्रत्येक राज्य में कितने वृक्ष लगाये गये,

(ग) इस वर्ष जो वृक्ष लगाये गये हैं उन को रक्षा के लिये क्या प्रवन्ध किया गया है; और

(घ) गत वर्ष वृक्षागोपण पर कन्द्रीय सरकार ने कितना व्यय किया था ?

कृषि तथा कृषि मंत्री (श्री स० प्र० जैन):

(क) जी हा ।

(ख) और (ग) इस समय जानकारी उपलब्ध नहीं है । यह इकट्ठी की जायेगी और मिलने पर सभा की टबल पर रख दी जायेगी ।

(घ) केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा कोई खर्च नहीं किया जाता है ।