

LOK SABHA

Tuesday, 3rd December, 1957

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair.]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Delhi Transport Service Buses

*713. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware of the fact that the buses run by the Delhi Transport Service are not properly washed and cleaned everyday before putting them on the road;

(b) whether he is also aware of the fact that these buses are not properly maintained; and

(c) if so, what steps Government have taken in this direction in the interest of public health?

The Minister of States in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (**Shri Raj Bahadur**): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 16.]

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know when the efforts to wash 50 per cent. of the fleet every day will materialise? How long will it take to put this into effect?

Shri Raj Bahadur: It depends on the strength of staff. As soon as we are able to enrol and recruit the staff, we shall be able to do it to the required extent.

Shri D. C. Sharma: It is said in the statement that sometimes spare parts are not available. May I know what effort is being made to see to it that the Delhi Transport Authority does not suffer from lack of spare parts?

Shri Raj Bahadur: Some spare parts have got to be obtained from foreign countries which means that foreign exchange is involved. We have recently sanctioned foreign exchange for this purpose to the tune of Rs. 1.26 lakhs for the import of spare parts from the U.K. for 40 Albion and 25 Guy buses.

Shri V. P. Nayar: May I know if the D.T.S. has a well organised repair workshop so that there is no necessity to send the vehicles for major repairs to workshops owned by private entrepreneurs?

Shri Raj Bahadur: We have got a central workshop. We have got a well organised system of workshops so far as that is concerned.

Shri Rameshwar Tantia: May I know if all the buses are supplied with First aid boxes?

Shri Raj Bahadur: So far as I know, they are. In case there is any complaint, I shall look into it.

Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha: May I know whether most of our buses are purchased from hard currency or sterling areas?

Shri Raj Bahadur: I think, mostly from the sterling area.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: May I know if there is any proposal before the Transport Authority to standardise the buses? We have got so many types, Albion Leyland, etc. We can have only one of these.

Mr. Speaker: We are straying away from the question.

Shri Raj Bahadur: That is a laudable object which we shall keep in view.

चीनी का उत्पादन

*७१४. श्री विभूति मिश्र : क्या साक्ष्य तथा कृषी मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि १९५६-५७ के गन्ना पेरने के मौसम में मजदूरों तथा मिल मालिकों में झगड़ों के कारण कुछ चीनी मिलों में धीरे काम करों की नीति के फलस्वरूप चीनी का उत्पादन कम हुआ है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो वे मिलें कौन-कौन सी है ; और

(ग) क्या सरकार ने इन झगड़ों को तय करने के लिये कोई उपाय सोचे है ?

सङ्कार मंत्री (डा० पं० शा० बेशमुख) :

(क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) और (ग). प्रश्न नहीं उठने ।

श्री विभूति मिश्र : मैं पूछना चाहता हूँ कि क्या यह सही है कि चम्पारन की हरिनगर शहर मिल्स में बराबर 'गो स्लो' की पालिसी रही है और वहाँ प्रोडक्शन कम हुआ है ?

डा० पं० शा० बेशमुख : हमारे पास दो जगहों से ऐसी इतला आई है, लेकिन यहाँ से कोई ऐसी इतला नहीं आई ।

श्री विभूति मिश्र : मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या फूड ऐंड ऐग्रिकल्चर मंत्रालय की तरफ से कोई जांच पड़ताल हुई है कि किस मिल में 'गो स्लो' की नीति बरती जा रही है और प्रोडक्शन कम हो रहा है ।

साक्ष्य तथा कृषी मंत्री (श्री अ० प्र० जैन) : हमारे पास प्राकड़े आते हैं । हमारी

तरफ से कोई इन्स्पेक्शन नहीं होता । यह राज्य सरकारों का काम है ।

Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha: What are the reasons why the production of sugar in most of the mills in Bihar has gone down?

Shri A. P. Jain: It is not a fact that production from most of the mills has gone down. In certain mills it has suffered.

Rain of Fish at Ghaziabad

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Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Shree Narayan Das:
Shri Radha Raman:
Shri Mohan Swarup:
Pandit D. N. Tiwary:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the reported rain of fish at Ghaziabad village near Delhi on or about the 15th September, 1957 has been brought to the notice of the meteorological experts of the Government of India;

(b) if so, whether the phenomenon has been examined; and

(c) the nature of the findings in this regard?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Except for newspaper reports, the Meteorological Department of the Government of India has no information on the subject.

(b) and (c). No examination of the phenomenon was possible, as there is no meteorological observatory at or near the place where the rain of fish is reported to have fallen.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know if any attempt was made to check up these newspapers reports by the