

children of Railway employees are studying;

(b) whether the Utkal Vidyapith at Kharagpur gets such grants-in-aid; and

(c) whether the said institute has got any financial assistance from the Staff Benefit Fund?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

Shri Panigrahi: May I know whether the Utkal Vidyapith asked for any grant from the Railway Funds as a recurring or a non-recurring grant?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: Yes, Sir. They did ask for a grant last year, but their request could not be complied with. They have again put in a request which is under consideration.

Shri Panigrahi: May I know why this request was not acceded to?

Mr. Speaker: It is being considered now.

Shri Panigrahi: Last year they did not get any recurring or non-recurring grant.

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: According to the rules in existence, only those institutions are given grants which are running at a loss. This particular institution was not running at a loss.

Shri N. R. Munisamy: Question No. 740 may also be clubbed with question No. 726. They are analogous. The content is the same.

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): Question No. 740 is concerned with food production.

Mr. Speaker: Both of them can go together. If there is a large production, there is no need for import.

Import of Foodgrains

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*726. { **Shri Bishwanath Roy:**
Shri T. K. Chaudhuri:
Shri Surendranath Dwivedy:
Shri N. R. Munisamy:
Sardar Iqbal Singh:

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

(a) what is the present reserve stock position of foodgrains with the Central Government;

(b) the amount of foodgrains planned to be imported during the first two years of the Second Five Year Plan;

(c) whether Government have prepared any revised programme for import of foodgrains after taking into consideration the present food shortage in the country, the failure of crops as a result of drought in several States and the estimated autumn foodgrain production throughout the country; and

(d) if so, the details of the additional quantities of foodgrains that would be needed?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) 7.8 lakh tons.

(b) During the two years 1956-57 and 1957-58 about 5.9 million tons of foodgrains are expected to be imported.

(c) and (d). A revised programme of imports is under preparation. I may also add that the stock that I have mentioned is the reserve lying with the Central Government. With the State Governments, there is a reserve of about 250,000 tons, so that the total reserves will be a little over a million tons.

Shri Bishwanath Roy: May I know whether any special quota out of the imported grain has been allotted to the deficit areas especially in the Eastern Uttar Pradesh and North Bihar?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): Yes; the State Governments have put up their demand and we have met this demand in full.

Shri N. R. Munisamy: May I know how much wheat and how much rice are to be imported and from which countries?

Shri A. M. Thomas: At present, according to our firm commitments or rather current contracts, we have to import about 1,336,000 tons; inclusive our normal marketings. On the 1st January, the stock of wheat would be 630,000 tons, so that the total availability will be 1,966,000 tons. Having regard to the expected demand during 1958, we may have to import a little more than two million tons of wheat and other coarse grains.

With regard to rice, according to our current commitments, we will have about 507,000 tons of rice: from Viet Nam 7,000 tons and from Burma 5 lakhs tons. It is estimated that, adding the quantity internally procured, we will have about 9 lakh tons, and we may have to import about three to four lakh tons of rice.

Shri N. R. Munisamy: May I know how much will be the quantity of coarse grains out of this import?

Shri A. P. Jain: We have not determined what would be the proportion of wheat and what would be the coarse grains. It all depends on the availability, the price and other things.

Shri Jhunjunwala: What is the criterion taken into consideration before launching upon import and how many ounces of consumption is there per adult?

Shri A. P. Jain: In fact, we have received some assessment of the losses from the State Governments and for the time being we have tried to base our imports on the minimum losses that are expected. We have also tried to ascertain from the State Governments as to what their requirements are likely to be, and it is on the basis

of the estimates of the losses and all their requirements that we have based our import programme.

Shri Tyagi: What is the total cost, stipulated, of the foodgrains desired to be imported this year and the next year?

Shri A. P. Jain: 100,000 tons of foodgrains generally cost between Rs. 3 and 4 crores.

Shrimati Renu Chakravartty: For the two years?

Shri A. P. Jain: The total cost of this additional import of two millions tons will be about Rs. 70 crores.

Shri Tyagi: May I take it that during this year, only Rs. 70 crores worth of foodgrains will be imported totally?

Shri A. P. Jain: Excluding what has been imported.

Shri Tyagi: I wanted to know the total cost of imported grains this year.

Shri A. P. Jain: Does the hon. Member mean 1957?

Shri Tyagi: Financial year.

Shri A. P. Jain: It may be about Rs. 80 crores or Rs. 90 crores so far. I am speaking very roughly.

Shrimati Manjula Devi: May I know the names of the countries from which we are going to import foodgrains and the amount of foodgrains from each country?

Mr. Speaker: Does the hon. Member want a list of that now? The total may be asked. The total was given.

पंडित ठाकुर दास भार्गव : प्रभु प्रधान-
बल मिनिस्टर साहब ने फरमाया कि स्टेट्स
की जो रिक्वायरमेंट्स होती हैं उनके बेसिस
पर इम्पोर्ट के वास्ते आर्डर दिया जाता है ।
मैं पृच्छना चाहता हूँ कि किस सूबे की कितनी
रिक्वायरमेंट है सेंट्रल गवर्नमेंट की तरफ से
इसकी कोई स्कुटिनी की जाती है, और आया
कि रिक्वायरमेंट दुस्त है या नहीं ?

श्री डॉ० प्र० जैन : जी हां, उन से बातचीत करके पूरी जांच पड़ताल की जाती है। हम इस बात का भी अन्दाजा लगाते हैं कि हमारे पास कितना गेहूँ और कितना चावल मौजूद होगा, और उस के बाद हम उन को देते हैं।

Shri R. Ramanathan Chettiar: May I know the quantity of rice that will be imported from Burma and the value thereof?

Shri A. P. Jain: 500,000 tons.

Mr. Speaker: The value thereof?

Shri A. P. Jain: As I have already said, it will be round about 350 to 400 rupees per ton.

Bilingual Teleprinter

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*727. { **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:**
 Shri Raghunath Singh:
 Shri Vajpayee:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a Japanese firm has invented and demonstrated Bilingual Teleprinter for English and Hindi both in New Delhi recently; and

(b) if so, whether Government have examined the possibility of using these machines in India?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes.

(b) The suitability or otherwise of the machine is under experiment and examination.

श्री वाजपेयी : इस सम्बन्ध में जो प्रयोग किए जा रहे हैं उन के कब तक समाप्त होने की आशा है ?

श्री राज बहादुर : निश्चित समय तो नहीं दे सकता, लेकिन इस को चलाने से पहले जांच करनी होगी कि पांच यूनिट कोड या छः यूनिट कोड वाले यंत्रों में से हमारी

आवश्यकता के लिए कौनसा अधिक उपयुक्त है।

श्री वाजपेयी : क्या यह सच है कि अभी हिन्दी और इंग्लिश के टेलीप्रिन्टर्स की मशीनों का जो किराया लिया जा रहा है उनकी वसूली के मापदंड अलग अलग हैं ? और यदि यह सच है तो इसका क्या कारण है ?

श्री राज बहादुर : हिन्दी के टेलिप्रिन्टर्स के किराये इम्तहानन कम रखे गए थे, इसलिए कि वह ज्यादा चालू हो सकें।

श्री भक्त बर्तन : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि हिन्दुस्तान में जो हिन्दी के टेलिप्रिन्टर बन रहे हैं और जो नई मशीनें जापान से आई हैं, उनकी कीमतों में क्या अन्तर है ?

श्री राज बहादुर : माननीय सदस्य को यह ज्ञात होगा कि हम कोई हिन्दी टेलिप्रिन्टर बना नहीं रहे हैं, जो अंग्रेजी के टेलिप्रिन्टर से उनको हिन्दी में परिवर्तित करने की कोशिश की जा रही थी, और की जा रही है।

श्री भक्त बर्तन : मेरे प्रश्न का उत्तर नहीं दिया गया कि दोनों की कीमतों में क्या अन्तर है ?

श्री राज बहादुर : टेलिप्रिन्टर्स बनाये ही नहीं जा रहे हैं तो मूल्यों में अन्तर का सवाल ही क्या होगा ?

Eastern Railway Press

*728. **Shrimati Renu Chakravarty:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1414 on the 3rd September, 1957 regarding Eastern Railway Press and state:

(a) whether Government have finished examination of the enquiry committee's report regarding corruption in the Eastern Railway Press; and

(b) if so, the action taken in this matter?