

Shri Hem Barua: Yes.

Shri S. K. Patil: First the outline plan is to be prepared by the State Government and then it comes to the C.W.P.C. Therefore, both the short-term and long-term measures are under investigation of the State Government. When their enquiries are finished and the surveys are sent, then comes in the Central Water and Power Commission.

Shri Hem Barua rose—

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Member is putting general questions.

Shri Hem Barua: It is a particular question, Sir. This is Brahmaputra, not putri. The Brahmaputra is male river and therefore, there will be too many supplementaries.

May I know the amount of money allocated for flood-control in Assam under the Second Five Year Plan?

Shri S. K. Patil: Rs. 11,89,00,000. We have given sufficient importance to that; there is the Brahmaputra River Commission looking after it.

हिमाचल प्रदेश में आलू के बीज

\*११६८. श्री एचम देव : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) हिमाचल प्रदेश में इस वर्ष कितना आलू का बीज बिना बिका पड़ा है ;

(ख) इस के न बिकने के क्या कारण हैं ;

(ग) किसानों को इससे कितनी हानि हुई है ; और

(घ) इस सम्बन्ध में सरकार द्वारा क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है ?

कृषि उपमंत्री (श्री मो० ब० कृष्णा) :

(क) से (घ). सभा की टेबिल पर एक विवरण रख दिया गया है। [देखिये परिशिष्ट ४, अनुसूचक संख्या ४४]

श्री एचम देव : आरतक की कमी की वर्तमान अवस्था के होते हुए, इस समय बर्फ के गिरने से वहाँ पर जो तकरोबन तीख हवाएँ बारी आलू की सड़ जायेंगी, उन के उठाने के सम्बन्ध में क्या सरकार कुछ विचार कर रही है ?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: We are expediting measures to dispose of this potato which has remained unsold in Himachal Pradesh. We are contacting States like West Bengal and other States to see that this potato is taken as early as possible. We are asking the Railway Ministry also to expedite the wagon-supply.

श्री एचम देव : अगर इस का प्रबन्ध नहीं होता है, तो क्या सरकार इन सारे प्राइवट्स को किसी कोल्ड-स्टोरेज में रखने का प्रबन्ध करेगी ?

श्री मो० ब० कृष्णा : कोल्ड-स्टोरेज तो हिमाचल प्रदेश में नहीं है। वहाँ पर बर्फ गिरती है, इसलिये वहाँ पर नेचुरल कोल्ड-स्टोरेज है। इसलिये इन को नीचे ला कर कलकत्ता में रखना पड़ेगा।

Shri Tyagi: Are the Government considering the proposal of reducing the freight-rate on the railway? From Kalka to Simla, at present the freight-rate is 300 per cent. the rate in other places.

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: The question may be addressed to the Railway Ministry.

Shri Tyagi: I want to know if the Food Ministry has made any proposal to the Railway Ministry to reduce the freight-rate on potato particularly, so that the extra potato can come into the market?

Mr. Speaker: Is it one of the measures adopted by the Food Ministry for expediting the export of this potato?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: No; I want notice.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** May I know whether the hon. Minister has received any representation from the West Bengal seed users that the seed potato that is available in the country takes more time than the seed that is brought from Rangoon?

**Shri M. V. Krishnappa:** They wanted seed potato from Burma. We examined the matter and it was felt that because of the tight foreign exchange situation, we must make use of the indigenous seed potato as far as possible.

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain):** We consulted our experts and we were advised that the contention of the potato seed merchants of West Bengal was not correct. Indian seed was good as the Burmese seed.

**Shrimati Da Palchoudhuri:** Considering the fact that the time for planting potato in West Bengal is practically over immediately after Diwali, now that this potato is going to be sent to West Bengal, is there any plan to conserve it by cold storage methods, so that it may be possible to plant it with effect?

**Shri M. V. Krishnappa:** Whatever potato we send after the sowing period is meant for table purposes.

#### Third Class Passengers' Amenities Committee

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\*1169. { Shri D. C. Sharma:  
Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 951 on the 17th August, 1957 regarding the Third Class Passengers' Amenities Committee and state:

(a) whether Government have since received the report of the Committee;

(b) if so, how many of the recommendations therein have been implemented; and

(c) how many are yet to be implemented?

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

(b) and (c). The Committee have made 15 major recommendations. These have been accepted by the Board and orders have been issued to Railways to implement them.

**Shri B. S. Murthy:** May I know how many minor recommendations have been made?

**Mr. Speaker:** The Question Hour is over.

**The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri S. K. Patil):** In answer to a supplementary to S.Q. No. 1167 about the allotment of money in the Second Five Year Plan I said that the amount is Rs. 11 crores. But the correct amount is Rs. 7 crores. I want that correction to be made.

#### SHORT NOTICE QUESTION AND ANSWER

##### Theft in Lucknow Mail

**S. N. Q. No. 5. Shrimati Da Palchoudhuri:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an American lady who was travelling by the 30 Down Lucknow Mail from Delhi to Lucknow in a Ladies' reserved compartment all alone, on the night of November, 23, 1957, was robbed of her money and a few other belongings, and was also severely beaten and injured;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the lady passenger reported the matter to Railway authorities at Kafurpur Railway Station, on the Northern Railway;

(c) if so, the details of the action taken so far in the matter; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take in future to ensure safety of unescorted women passengers?