

item of the agenda and resolution after resolution, it will not be finished within one hour. Hon. Members should elicit information and not make suggestions as to what ought to be done. It is not a discussion that is being carried on.

डा० राम सुभग सिंह : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि जिन सरकारों का वहाँ प्रतिनिधित्व था, उन में से कितनों के यहाँ स्वतन्त्रता प्राप्ति के बाद अब तक स्थानीय संस्थाओं का चुनाव नहीं हुआ है, और क्या इन पर भी विचार किया गया कि वैसी राज्य सरकारों को सास आदेश दिया जाये कि वे जल्दी से जल्दी जिला और म्यूनिसिपल बोर्डों के चुनाव कराएं ?

श्री करमरकर : यह एजेन्डा पर नहीं था ।

I wish that the hon. Member understands the scope of this Conference. The scope of the conference was to pick out certain important subjects and not to go censoriously into the administration, as to where elections have taken place and where elections have not taken place. This is a constructive Conference.

Operational Efficiency in Railways

*284. **Shri Bibhuti Mishra:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government contemplate any master scheme to operate in Second Five Year Plan to improve operational efficiency;

(b) the nature of the scheme and the total amount proposed to be spent thereon; and

(c) how far the scheme is expected to prove efficacious in the improvement of operational efficiency?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) to (c). The improvement of operational efficiency of the Railways, with a view to achieving the fullest possible utilisation of the available line capacity and rolling stock, is receiving constant

attention. Statistics, measuring the operational efficiency, are scrutinised regularly and steps are taken to improve the performance wherever necessary. A number of measures which have been adopted for improving the wagon and engine usage are listed in the statement placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 11]. Government have no master scheme in view other than what has been mentioned above. An exact assessment of the expenditure on these measures cannot be made.

श्री विभूति मिश्र : स्टेटमेंट से मालूम होता है कि नये एंजिन सप्लाई किये जायेंगे । मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि पूर्वोत्तर रेलवे में इस के अनुसार कितने नये एंजिन अब तक दिये गये हैं ?

श्री शाहनवाज खाँ : इसके लिये भ्रमण सवाल होगा तो उस का भ्रमण जवाब मिलेगा ।

श्री विभूति मिश्र : स्टेटमेंट में बताया गया है कि नये एंजिन दिये जायेंगे ।

Mr. Speaker: He may put a question.

The statement contains, for the purpose of full information, many things which have not been asked, or may be incidental to it. I am not going to allow detailed examination of a statement that is placed on the Table of the House. It is enough if a statement is placed: properly speaking, I ought not to allow supplementary questions at all, unless the statement is defective. We are going into too much of discussion with regard to these matters.

Shri Bimal Ghose: On a point of order, when a statement is placed on the Table, it is in lieu of an oral answer. Therefore, there should be supplementaries on the statement.

Mr. Speaker: It is not that there ought to be supplementaries. It is open to me to allow or not to allow. If I consider the statement full and complete, no supplementaries will be allowed.

Shri Hem Barua: From the statement it appears that dieselisation is one of the measures proposed to be introduced in order to ensure operational efficiency on the Railways. May I know what are the various Railways where dieselisation is going to be initially introduced?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: We are proposing to introduce dieselisation in certain sections and big shunting yards, because it is much quicker to shunt trains by those locos.

Shri Hem Barua: What are those yards?

Shri T. N. Singh: Operational efficiency varies greatly from one zone to another. May I know if Government have made any systematic study of the causes which lead to lower efficiency in one zone and how it can be improved, compared to other zones? Are any systematic studies being made by the Railways, and if so what are the Railways?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: The Railway Board receives tri-monthly reports which give detailed statistics regarding the operational efficiency on each zone. These are scrutinised very carefully and wherever we find that one zone is lagging behind, we take appropriate steps to pull them up.

श्री विभूति मिश्र: मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि खास कर पूर्वोत्तर रेलवे की प्रापरेशनल एफिशिएंसी के लिये सरकार ने क्या किया है ?

श्री शाहनवाज खान : पूर्वोत्तर रेलवे में प्रापरेशनल एफिशिएंसी को बेहतर बनाने के लिये मेरे खयाल में जो सब से बड़ा कदम उठाया गया है वह यह है कि हम ने उस को दो जोन बना दिये हैं। वह बहुत लम्बी रेलवे थी, इस लिये उस की देखभाल करनी मुश्किल थी। इसीलिये एक नया जोन बनाया जा रहा है और वहाँ ज्यादा कोचें दी जा रही हैं, ज्यादा ब्रीन्स दिये जा रहे हैं, ज्यादा एंजिन दिये जा रहे हैं, गंगा ब्रिज बनाया जा रहा

है, बरीनी में एक बड़ा मार्शलिंग यार्ड बन रहा है, बहुत कुछ किया जा रहा है।

Chemical Fertilizers

*285. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the planned increase in agricultural potential during the current and subsequent years is likely to be affected by shortfalls in the availability of chemical fertilisers on account of import restrictions;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the deficit is being sought to be made good by the additional use of compost and green manures; and

(c) if so, what steps have Government taken to meet the situation?

The Deputy Minister of Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa): (a) Yes, Sir, to a certain extent.

(b) and (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix II, annexure No 12].

Shri D. C. Sharma: Since the statement covers only two parts of my question, I may be permitted to put supplementaries.

It has been said that the additional use of compost and green manure will cover only a part of the deficit. May I know what part of the deficit will be left uncovered after all the steps enumerated in the statement have been taken, and how this deficit will be made good.

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: By the end of the Second Plan the additional increase in production envisaged was 15.5 million tons. Out of this, we expected 2.24 million tons should be by using fertilisers and manures. Since there is a shortfall in chemical fertilisers, we are trying to expedite and step up the production of green manure and rural and urban composts so as to keep up the production.