

tion No. 1524 on the 11th September, 1957 and state:

(a) whether the composition of the team which was to be sent abroad to purchase modern equipment for Indian Ports has since been decided;

(b) if so, the Members of the team;

(c) whether the team has completed its work; and

(d) if so, the results achieved?

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

(b) The team consists of Secretary, Department of Transport, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Finance and Senior Assistant Mechanical Superintendent, Bombay Port Trust.

(c) The team left India on the 18th November, 1957 and is due to return on the 20th December.

(d) Does not arise.

Shri Shree Narayan Das: May I know the countries which the team will visit?

Shri Raj Bahadur: UK and a few other countries including Italy, Switzerland, West Germany, France and Holland.

Shri Shree Narayan Das: What is the estimated value of the equipment that this team will negotiate?

Shri Raj Bahadur: About a crore of rupees.

Shri Kasliwal: Is the team purchasing equipment for new ports or for developing old ports?

Shri Raj Bahadur: The total equipment that we require is estimated to cost Rs. 4 crores and out of this this team may go in for equipment worth about a crore. This is not for new ports. This is for mechanisation and provision of necessary equipment in the existing ports such as Calcutta.

Shri Shree Narayan Das: May I know whether before proceeding any tender was invited with regard to the purchase of these equipment?

Shri Raj Bahadur: With the concurrence of the Ministry of Finance, a special procedure has been evolved in this case and they have been authorised for the sake of expedition not to call for tenders but to make on the spot purchases.

नजफगढ़ का नाला

\*५८६ श्री नवल प्रभाकर : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली में नजफगढ़ के नाले की खुदाई हो रही है;

(ख) यह खुदाई कब तक समाप्त हो जाने की आशा है ; और

(ग) इस पर कितना व्यय होने का अनुमान है ?

सहकार मंत्री (डा० पं० शा० देशमुख) :

(क) जी हाँ ।

(ख) चालू वित्तीय वर्ष के अन्त तक ।

(ग) ४ लाख रुपये ।

श्री नवल प्रभाकर : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि यह जो नाले की खुदाई हो रही है इसके कारण काफी पानी इकट्ठा हो गया है क्योंकि आगे से खुदा हुआ नहीं है, और इसकी वजह से बहुत बदबू हो रही है और गांव वालों को बड़ी परेशानी हो रही है ?

डा० पं० शा० देशमुख : यह सूचना ठीक है । वहाँ काफी पानी इकट्ठा है जिससे गन्दगी भी होती है । इसी वजह से तो हम कोशिश कर रहे हैं कि उसको हटा दें ।

श्री बाजपेयी : नाले की खुदाई के कारण जो लोग निर्वासित होंगे या प्रभावित होंगे उनके लिये क्या सरकार फायदा देने की व्यवस्था करेगी ?

**डा० वं० शा० बेशमू** : कोई निर्वासित होने वाला नहीं है ।

**श्री नवल प्रभाकर** : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि इस नाले की खुदाई के कारण जो गांवों के खेतों की जमीन दबी हुई है वह कितनी निकल आयेगी ?

**डा० वं० शा० बेशमू** : १६०० एकड़ जमीन कल्टीवेशन के लिए एवेलैबिल होगी ।

The hon. Member opposite can also get consolation from this fact that instead of any person being displaced, additional land is going to be available for cultivation.

**Dr. Sushila Nayar**: In view of the fact that the level of the Nallah at the Jamuna end is lower than the river level, what arrangement is the Government making to prevent the water from Jamuna going back into the Nallah when the river is full?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh**: I could not give the details of what exactly is feasible and what is not feasible. All that we intend to do is by way of relief from the trouble due to this Nallah.

#### Hybrid Maize

\*590. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh**: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1959 on the 10th September, 1956 and state the results so far achieved in regard to the production of hybrid maize in the country?

**The Minister of Co-operation (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh)**: A statement is placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 116]

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh**: May I know whether the hybrid seed which has been introduced here is giving good results in Indian climate and if so whether there is any proposal to introduce it in the maize growing areas of Bihar?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain)**: I can say from

my personal experience that it has given excellent results. I have sown the hybrid seed and it has given much better results than the other seed.

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh**: What about the latter part of my question?

**Shri A. P. Jain**: It is being multiplied and it will be supplied wherever it is needed.

**श्री भक्त शंकर** : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि यह जो वर्णशंकर भुट्टा पैदा किया गया है उससे किसानों को क्या लाभ हो रहा है, यानी प्रति एकड़ खेती की उपज में कितनी अधिकता हुई है ?

**Mr. Speaker**: I think it is *Jarj shankar* and not *varna shankar*.

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh**: The increase in production is between 20-40 per cent but the hon. Minister has got 100 per cent more.

#### Salem-Bangalore Line

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\*591. { **Shri T. B. Vittal Rao**:  
**Shri S. V. Ramaswami**:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 651 on the 6th August, 1957 and state:

(a) whether the report of engineering survey of the Salem-Bangalore rail link has since been received by the Railway Board;

(b) whether it has been examined by the Board; and

(c) if so, the nature of the decision arrived at?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan)**: (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

**Shri T. B. Vittal Rao**: Last time when this question was put, we were given the information that the report would be received by the Railway Board sometime in October. May I know why it has not so far been received?