

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Import of Rice from Burma

\*793 Shri Abdal Salam: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state

(a) the freight rate fixed for the carriage of rice by Indian Shipping Companies from Burma to India during 1957 and 1958;

(b) if so, on what basis the rates have been fixed, whether by inviting tenders or by negotiations,

(c) the basis of the allotment of rice to the different Shipping Companies,

(d) whether all the Shipping Companies have agreed to the rate indicated for 1958.

(e) whether it is a fact that the Eastern Shipping Corporation is not being given an opportunity to carry the rice from Burma with other Indian Shipping Interests, and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor.

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A P Jain) (a) For 1957, the freight rates ranged from Rs 57 to Rs 68-8-0 per ton depending on the port of loading in Burma and the port of discharge in India. For 1958, the corresponding rates fixed were about Rs 17 less per ton

(b) By Negotiations

(c) The allotment to the different Companies was made on the advice given by the Director General of Shipping and the Ministry of Transport in the light of their discussions with the Companies

(d) Yes

(e) and (f) The trade between India and Burma is covered by the coastal fleet and normally the ships of the Eastern Shipping Corporation do not operate in this trade. Moreover, the private Indian shipping companies were able to provide adequate tonnage for this trade

पटसन का खर्च।

\*८०२ श्री विप्रूति मिश्र क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या यह सच है कि १९५८-५९ में पटसन की खेती १९५७-५८ की अपेक्षा कम वष पटसन के भाव काफी गिर जाने के कारण कम हुई है, और

(ख) यदि हाँ तो कमाना का पटसन की खेती करने के लिये प्रोत्साहन देने के हेतु सरकार क्या उपाय कर रही है।

खाद्य तथा कृषि तथा (श्री इजित प्रसाद जैन) (क) और (ख) मन्त्र की टिप्पणी पर एक विवरण रख दिया गया है। [बि.सू.परिशिष्ट ८ अन्तर्गत मसूदा १२७]।

Link with Lahaul Valley

\*808 { Shri Radha Raman:  
Shri Daljit Singh:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state

(a) whether there is any scheme of linking some of the valleys such as Lahaul, Spiti and Chini of East Punjab and Himachal Pradesh which remain cut off from the rest of the world for most part of the year, and

(b) if so, what is the nature of these schemes and when they are expected to mature?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur) (a) and (b) Road schemes of a total cost of about Rs 6 crores have been approved by the Government of India for providing communication to the valleys of Lahaul, Spiti and Chini in Punjab and Himachal Pradesh. These schemes

are in the various stages of progress. A statement showing the names of these schemes is given below:—

*Roads in the Lahaul Valley.*

1. Manali-Rohtang Pass road (Jeepable).
2. Rohtang Pass-Koksar road (Jeepable).
3. Koksar-Zingzingbar road (Jeepable).

*Roads in the Spiti Valley.*

4. Gramphoo-Kunzam Pass bridle road.
5. Kunzam Pass-Dhankar bridle road.
6. Inter-village and bridle roads in both the Lahaul and Spiti areas (Details not available).

*Roads in the Chini Valley.*

7. Hindustan-Tibet Road (National Highway No. 22).
8. Karcham-Sangla-Chitkul road (Jeepable).
9. Spiti Valley road (2 ft. wide trace).

**Weather Bulletins**

\*809. **Sardar Iqbal Singh:** Will the Minister of **Transport and Communications** be pleased to state:

(a) the number of weather bulletins issued by India Meteorological Department during 1957-58 for the benefit of farmers; and

(b) the number of subscribers of these bulletins and the number of farmers amongst them?

**The Deputy Minister of Civil Aviation (Shri Mohiuddin):** (a) 1,825 regular Farmer's Weather Bulletins were issued from the five Regional Meteorological Centres at Bombay, Calcutta, Nagpur, Madras and New Delhi.

(b) The bulletins are broadcast over the All India Radio in 18 different languages and are also published in the press. So the information is disseminated to a large section of the rural population.

**Car Festival at Puri**

\*810. **Shri Sanganna:** Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

(a) what special arrangements were made by the Railway Administration for the Car Festival at Puri (Orissa) held in the month of June, 1958;

(b) whether any special revenue was derived by Government on account of this Festival; and

(c) if so, to what extent?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** (a) Six special trains were run. In addition, two local trains each way running between Talcher and Puri were augmented by two bogie coaches each during the period of the Festival.

Other facilities such as, first aid centres, Enquiry Office, additional booking windows, lighting and publicity arrangements were also provided.

(b) Yes.

(c) Rs. 71,880 approximately.

**हिमाचल प्रदेश में आयुर्वेदिक औषधालय**

\*८११. श्री पद्म देव : क्या स्वास्थ्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) हिमाचल प्रदेश में प्रथम पंचवर्षीय योजना के अन्तर्गत कितने आयुर्वेदिक औषधालयों के निर्माण की स्वीकृति मिली थी और उनमें से अब तक कितने खोले जा चुके हैं ; और

(ख) द्वितीय पंचवर्षीय योजना में ऐसे कितने औषधालय स्थापित करने का विचार है ?

**स्वास्थ्य मंत्री (श्री करमरकर):** (क) दस औषधालयों के निर्माण की स्वीकृति दी गयी थी और वे सभी खोले जा चुके हैं ।

(ख) वृत्तिस ।