

(ख) डम के क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) क्या डम कारण लोगों में बहुत असंतोष है ?

काश्मीर तथा कृषि मंत्री (श्री अजित प्रसाद जैस) : (क) से (ग). गंगा में बाढ़ आ जाने के कारण कई जकशन स्टेशनों पर, एक लाइन की गाड़ी में दूसरी लाइन की गाड़ी में माल का लदान बहुत रुक गया. और पूर्वी जिलों के लिये अनाज का स्टॉक रखने के लिये, मस्ते अनाज की दुकानों में गेहूँ और मोटे अनाज का जो दैनिक कौटा दिया जाता था उसमें राज्य सरकार ने कुछ कमी कर दी. परन्तु वाराणसी में अनाज का वितरण पूर्ववत् ही चलता रहा। पूर्वी जिलों में अब यथावत् अनाज पहुँचने लग पड़ा है और उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार ने अधिकार मस्ते अनाज की दुकानों का कौटा पूर्ववत् कर दिया है।

Export of Sugar

*825. **Shri Abdul Salam:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the total profit made by the Indian Sugar Mills Association in the export of Sugar during 1957-58;

(b) whether it is a fact that the last consignment was sold at a very low price resulting in a loss of about Rs. 10 lakhs; and

(c) if so, whether the sale had the approval of Government?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) About Rs. 12 lakhs.

(b) No, Sir. The sale of last consignment of 500 tons involved a loss of about Rs. 65,000. The sale was in parity with world prices.

(c) Prior approval of Government was not necessary.

Japanese offer for Ships

Shri Ram Krishan:
Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri:
Shri Supakar:
Shri Kumaran:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
Shri Mohammed Elias:
Shri Panigrahi:
Shri Raghunath Singh:
Shrimati Renu Chakra
vartty:
Shri Damani:
Shri Subiah Ambalam:
Shri Tridib Kumar
Chaudhuri:
Sardar Iqbal Singh:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Japanese Government has made an offer to sell ships to India on credit to the extent of 100 million dollars;

(b) whether the offer has been accepted;

(c) if so, the main terms of the offer;

(d) the gross tonnage of the ships to be purchased; and

(e) the foreign exchange commitment for the same?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) No, Sir

Apart from the Yen line of credit of 18 billion yen offered by the Government of Japan and accepted by the Government of India, part of which is available for construction of ships, there is no other offer from the Japanese Government. There is, however, an offer of a dollar loan sponsored by a private Japanese firm for purchase of ships and this is now under negotiation with the parties concerned.

(b) to (e). Do not arise.