

days average pay for every completed year of service.

**Shri V. C. Shukla:** Has the Government assessed what kind of skilled and semi-skilled personnel will be required for the Dandakaranya scheme, and if so, what would be their requirements?

**Shri Hathi:** That information would not be with us, but we have given the different categories of people which are surplus or which would be surplus with the project authorities.

**Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri:** Considering the fact that the Rehabilitation Ministry has always said that the Dandakaranya scheme will be manned mainly by refugees, may I know why the Hirakud people should have preference there? Secondly, I would also like to know . . .

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** There ought not to be any "secondly" during the Question Hour. Only one question at a time.

**Shri Hathi:** What this project authority is concerned with is to give the list of the surplus personnel, and so far as is necessary or they can absorb, the Ministry may absorb. If they want to give priority to the displaced persons, they can do it, but if they do not find sufficient people, well, we will give the list and for those who may not be absorbed, we will find jobs somewhere else.

**Shri Tangamani:** What is the present strength of those working for the completion of the Hirakud dam—the work-charged and the other staff?

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** There are so many voices even during the Question Hour when everybody should be all attention. So many subjects are being discussed.

**An Hon. Member:** Ministerial voices.

**Shri Hathi:** 780 skilled still to be absorbed and 45 unskilled to be absorbed.

**Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri:** In spite of being told that the retrenched people are going to have priority, may I know why Government, while retrenching the staff, yet advertises for fresh staff in the same projects?

**Shri Hathi:** I do not think in the Hirakud they have advertised for those categories of people who are going to be retrenched.

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** Shri Banerjee:

**Shri Tangamani:** My question has not been answered.

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** Then we will find another opportunity to get that answer. I have called Shri Banerjee:

**Shri S. M. Banerjee:** Since we are completing certain projects where retrenchment is inevitable, and also starting certain new projects, may I know whether the Government consider a common pool or a central pool of all those employed in these various dams for absorption?

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** A suggestion to be considered. Shri Tangamani may have his answer if he can get it.

**Shri Tangamani:** What is the present strength of workers, work-charged and also other staff, at present working at Hirakud after the retrenchment of 6,000-odd workers?

**Shri Hathi:** I want notice.

#### Sugar Delegation

\*1658. **Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to send an Indian delegation abroad to explore possibilities of exporting sugar to continental countries;

(b) if so, the composition of the delegation; and

(c) the countries which it is likely to visit?

**The Deputy Minister of Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa):** (a) No, there is at present no intention to send a

delegation to explore possibilities of exporting sugar to Continental Countries. A delegation has, however, gone to Geneva to attend the United Nations Sugar Conference.

(b) The composition of the delegation which has gone to Geneva is as follows:—

- (i) Shri A. M. Thomas—Deputy Minister (Food).  
 (ii) Shri D. D. Puri } representing  
 (iii) Shri M. N. Pittie } the Indian  
                                   } Sugar Mills  
                                   } Association  
 (iv) Shri T. Prasad—Chief Director (Sugar).

(c) The two non-official delegates may visit, apart from Geneva, certain countries on behalf of the Indian Sugar Mills Association.

**Shrimati Ila Palchoudhri:** May I know the names of the countries to which we expect to sell our sugar at the best possible price, and also whether we have studied that aspect before sending the delegation?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain):** I can answer this question only on the basis of past experience. Our exports have been mostly to the Middle East countries and to the South-East Asian countries.

**Shri A. C. Guha:** May I know whether Government have any idea of the possibility of having more exports than the 50,000 tons already announced?

**Shri A. P. Jain:** Certainly

**Shri Braj Raj Singh:** May I know whether any representative of the sugarcane growers has been included in the said delegation, and if not, the reason therefor?

**Shri A. P. Jain:** It was not considered necessary, because it was a question of selling manufactured sugar, and it was agreement about manufactured sugar that would come up for consideration there.

**Shri Sinhasan Singh:** It is apparent from the papers that the Prime Minister has written a letter of seventeen

pages urging all Ministries to avoid wasteful expenditure on sending of delegations. May I know whether this has been brought to the notice of Government?

**Shri A. P. Jain:** If the indication is that there is any wasteful expenditure on this delegation, I repudiate it.

**Shri Hem Barua:** What are the proposals that the Indian delegation is likely to make at the Geneva conference called by the UNO to determine world prices of sugar?

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** How can he prejudge?

**Shri A. P. Jain:** It is very difficult to say what particular matters will arise, but one of the important matters will be whether we should become a party to the sugar agreement, and if so, what should be the quantity that should be allocated to us. But there are so many things that are likely to come up that it is difficult for me to give the matters that will be discussed there.

**Shri N. R. Munisamy:** May I know whether it is a fact that sugar is exported to the other countries at a lesser price than that at which it is being obtained locally, with a view to earn foreign exchange?

**Shri A. P. Jain:** That is so

**Shri S. M. Banerjee:** It appears from the question and the answer that we are trying to increase our exports. May I know whether sugar production has gone up in the country, whether it is sufficient to meet the requirements of our country, and if so, whether the price of sugar will come down as a result of more production?

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** The first part of the question may be answered.

**Shri A. P. Jain:** This is more a policy question; sometimes, in order to increase exports people have to curtail internal consumption.

**Shri Tyagi:** Is the loss that is incurred on account of the foreign trade in sugar being borne by the State or by the industrialists or is it being realised from the consumers?

**Shri A. P. Jain:** This question is rather difficult to answer, because it all depends upon the circumstances. So far as the first export quota of 50,000 tons is concerned, the loss was to be borne by the sugar producers.

**Shri Tyagi:** By the consumers.

**Ch. Ranbir Singh:** May I know whether a representative of the co-operative sugar factories has also been included in this delegation?

**Shri A. P. Jain:** One cannot include all kinds of representatives. This is a small delegation, and those who could do the work most effectively have been included.

**Shri Tridib Kumar Chaudhuri:** May I know whether the delegation which has been sent has full powers to take a decision as to our becoming a member of the International Sugar Agreement, or whether the decision will be taken by Government on their recommendation and on their report?

**Shri A. P. Jain:** The final decision will be taken by Government.

**Shri Jadhav:** May I know whether the prices of our sugar are comparatively very high, and, therefore, there is no demand in the foreign countries?

**Shri A. P. Jain:** I have already answered that question.

Some Hon. Members rose—

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** We have had enough of sugar, I suppose. So let us go to the next question.

रेलवे लाइन को दोहरा करना

\*१६५६. श्री जांगड़े: क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) मध्य प्रदेश में बीना-भोपाल और भनूपपुर-कटनी सेक्शनों के बीच में रेलवे लाइन को दोहरा करने में अब तक क्या प्रगति हुई है ; और

(ख) अगस्त, १९५८ तक इस पर कितना व्यय हुआ है ?

रेलवे उपमंत्रि (श्री सै० सै० रामस्वामी) :  
(क) अगस्त, १९५८ के आखीर तक बीना-भोपाल सेक्शन पर कुल मिलाकर ३ फी सदी काम हुआ है। भनूपपुर-कटनी पर दोहरी लाइन बिछाने का काम अभी शुरू हुआ है।

(ख) बीना-भोपाल : ६,१०,००० पये।

भनूपपुर-कटनी के बीच दोहरी लाइन बिछाने के काम पर अभी तक कुछ खर्च नहीं हुआ है।

**Shri Jangde:** May I know the time by which the doubling of these two lines will be completed, and the total estimated expenditure to be incurred on them?

**Shri S. V. Ramaswamy:** The target is 1960-61. So far as the Bina-Bhopal line is concerned, an emergency certificate has been given for Rs. 3 crores. So far as the other line is concerned, the sum will be Rs. 1.75 crores.

**Shri Jangde:** May I know how far these new constructions will relax speed restrictions on the two lines?

**Shri S. V. Ramaswamy:** As present, on the Bina-Bhopal line, the line capacity is 17 trains; it is hoped to step it up to 25.5 trains each way. So far as the other line is concerned, the present capacity is 14 trains per day. It is hoped to step it up 22 trains per day each way.

**Shri V. C. Shukla:** The line between Anuppur and Katni is a second-class line on which fast trains cannot run. May I know whether while doubling it, Government propose to make it a first-class line, so that fast trains also can run on that line?

**Shri S. V. Ramaswamy:** It is largely for the movement of goods, but I hope it will suit the other purpose also.

**Shri Jangde:** Provision had been made in the last budget for the doubling of these two lines. May I know the reason why very low expenditure has been incurred till now?