

when these investigations will be completed, in view of the fact that the scheme has been hanging fire for more than three years?

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: The importance of this junction is well admitted. As a matter of fact, it can deal with 550 wagons now. It is expected to deal with 900 wagons per day. Therefore, its importance is not in doubt at all. The original scheme was for Rs. 21 lakhs. The revised scheme will go up to Rs. 35 or 40 lakhs. We are trying to see whether any economies can be effected. When the investigation is over, we shall push through.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: May I know whether it is a fact that this scheme is likely to be dropped and Bellampalle made the goods marshalling yard?

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: I am not aware of it. Investigation is going on with regard to this station.

Willow and Mulberry Wood

*736. **Shri R. C. Majhi:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether any research has been made to replace the willow and mulberry wood for sports goods by wood of any other trees; and

(b) if so, with what results?

The Minister of Co-operation (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) Yes, at the Forest Research Institute and Colleges, Dehra Dun.

(b) Substitutes with the precise qualities of willow and Mulberry have not been found. Species like Punjab willow (*Salix babylonica*) found in Punjab and Himachal Pradesh and *Morus leavigata* found in Assam and West Bengal are the nearest substitutes.

Shri R. C. Majhi: May I know whether this wood will be sufficient for the sports goods industry?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: No. We have not got sufficient wood. These substitutes are also not as good as willow and mulberry.

Shri Subodh Hansda: May I know what steps Government propose to take to step up production of willow and mulberry wood?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I could not say what specific steps have been taken. Everybody knows that these are in demand and the Forest department do try to grow them. It takes a long time to grow wood.

Shri V. P. Nayar: The hon. Minister says that the research at the Forest Research Institute, Dehra Dun, has not so far succeeded in finding out other species of timber with identical qualities. May I know whether any attempt has been made to find out how plywood can be made substitute for the requirements of this willow and mulberry? Many sports goods do not require willow alone

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: The research that I referred to is of a different kind. It does not refer to plywood. Of course, if there are possibilities, we will certainly try.

श्री एन. सु. नारिक : मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ जैसा कि अभी आप ने यह फरमाया है कि लकड़ी की विषय में लेकिन काश्मीर में चूँकि यह लकड़ी बहुतायत में मयस्सर है और नकलीय में कबल पाकिस्तान के मियान-कोट में, जो स्पॉट्स गुड्स बनाने का मरकज था, यह लकड़ी बहुतायत में दम्नेमाल होती थी और अब मजीद जकरयान के मुताबिक हुकूमत ने इस लकड़ी को काश्मीर में मजीद डेवलप करने के लिये क्या इकदामात लिये हैं ?

डा० एं० शा० देवगुप्त : मुझे इतना है कि काश्मीर में उस की तरफ बहुत ध्यान दिया जा रहा है मगर जो कुछ भी लकड़ी वहाँ पैदा होती है, वह काश्मीर में जो इंडस्ट्री है उन के लिये वह काफी हीठी है ।

श्री राम सुबि मंत्री (श्री ए० ए० जैन): मुझे यह है कि एक वर्षों यह सवाल था कि क्या काशीर वनमंडल को यह कहा जा कि आप इन लकड़ियों को हिन्दुस्तान में स्पोर्ट्स गूड्स बनाने के लिये भेजिये तो उन्होंने कहा कि नहीं हमारे पास यह फालतू नहीं है। मैंने उनको यह भी कहा कि हम हिन्दुस्तान से उतनी ही लकड़ी दूसरे किस्म की आप के वहाँ भेजने को तैयार हैं लेकिन उन्होंने उसको मंजूर नहीं किया था।

श्री ए० ए० तारिख : जहाँ तक आप ने यह कहा कि हुकूमत हिन्द से काशीर वनमंडल ने कहा है कि उन के पास फालतू लकड़ी नहीं है, उस से मैं भी इत्तिफाक करता हूँ लेकिन मेरा सवाल यह है कि उस लकड़ी की तासीर में मजिद इजाफा करने के लिये आप ने कौन से इकदामात उठाये हैं ? यह दुष्ट है कि लकड़ी ज्यादा नहीं है मगर अपनी जरूरियात के मुताबिक उस लकड़ी की तादाद में इजाफा करने के लिये आप ने क्या इकदामात उठाये हैं ?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: As I said in my reply, the State Government is aware of the importance of growing this variety of wood. I have seen with my own eyes that they are doing their best to grow as fast as they can

Shri Subodh Hanada: What is the quantity of shortage in willow and mulberry and what steps are taken to meet this?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I require notice of the question.

Potatoes Control Order in H. P.

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{ **Shri Hem Raj;**
*737. { **Shri Ram Krishan;**
 { **Shri Padam Dev;**

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any resolution of the Himachal

Pradesh Territorial Council asking for the modification of the Himachal Pradesh Potatoes Control Order; and

(b) if so, the action taken on it?

The Minister of Co-operation (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) Yes.

(b) Himachal Pradesh Seed Potato (Control) Order has since been withdrawn.

Shri Hem Raj: In view of the Order, much of the produce, thousands of maunds of the produce have not been exported from that area. The price of potato came down. In view of the fact that potato is still lying in the houses of the agriculturists, will the Government give a subsidy to the persons who have not been able to sell their produce?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: No such representation or information is supplied to us.

Students' Attack on Train

*738. **Shri Raghunath Singh:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on the 11th October, 1958 some students tried to enter a railway compartment reserved for military personnel at Begusarai Station and when the train halted at Lakhmania station, a number of students surrounded the compartment and occupants were attacked with lathis and brickbats; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) and (b). On 11-10-58 some students of C. D. College Begusarai entered a compartment of 10 Dn Express in which some Military personnel were also travelling. A quarrel ensued between the students and the Military personnel over the alleged trampling of the foot of an old lady by one of the students and the students were turned out of the compartment and got accommodation elsewhere in the