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[MR SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Buhlar Grain Discharging Plant

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*1592 { Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri S C Samanta:
Shri E. C. Majhi:
Shri Morarka:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is proposing to shift the Buhlar grain discharging plant from Bombay to some other port,

(b) if so, whether the proposal has been finalised, and

(c) to what place this plant will be shifted?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas):
(a) to (c) A proposal to shift the plant to some other port is under consideration

Shri Subodh Hansda: What is the reason for shifting the plant from Bombay to some other port?

Shri A. M. Thomas: Attempts were made to work the plant in the Bombay port. But there was so much of opposition from labour that we could not find our way to work it there.

Shri Subodh Hansda: The Minister has just stated that there was opposition from labour. May I know whether there will be any opposition

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when this plant is installed somewhere else?

Shri A. M. Thomas: Attempts were made to convince labour that in the long run it would be advantageous. But then we did not want to take any steps which they would think to be hostile.

Shri P. C. Bose: What is the answer to part (c)?

Shri A. M. Thomas: The answer to (a), (b) and (c) is 'A proposal to shift the plant to some other port is under consideration'.

Shri P. C. Bose: Part (c) is a separate question, as to where it will be shifted.

Shri A. M. Thomas: In fact, Kandla also is being considered now. We thought of shifting it to Calcutta or Visag or Madras. But there also we thought there would be opposition from labour. In Kandla, there is not likely to be any opposition. So a proposal to shift it to Kandla is under consideration.

Shri S. C. Samanta: Is it not a fact that Bombay port has reached its ceiling as regards capacity? If so, why is labour grumbling against the installation of this plant?

Shri A. M. Thomas: Certainly there are advantages by way of faster discharge and non-interruption even during rains if this plant is worked there. That was why we wanted to instal it in Bombay, and we tried to work it in Bombay. But the dock labour opposed it and we thought it might not be quite proper to instal it there in the face of opposition from labour.

Shri Raghunath Singh: How many labourers will be unemployed on

account of this plant? What will be the ratio?

Shri A. M. Thomas: There will be some displacement of labour. The average discharge from one ship in Bombay is estimated to be about 2000 tons per day, by working this, it is estimated that we will be able to discharge about 2400 tons per day.

Railway Workshop at Mysore

*1593. **Shri Keshava:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government have finalised any scheme to expand and improve the Railway Workshop at Mysore, and

(b) how many coaches per day are produced there?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Yes

(b) 46 coaches are repaired and 4 coaches are constructed per month.

Shri Keshava: May we know if the Workshop is being worked to full capacity? If not, what is the reason for not placing orders for doubling the production?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: The Workshop is working to its full capacity. In fact, we are going to expand it.

Shri Dasappa: What exactly does the hon. Minister mean by expansion, expansion in what directions and at what cost?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: A sum of Rs 12.59 lakhs has been sanctioned for the expansion of this Workshop. We are going to expand the blacksmith shop, the iron ore foundry shop, carriage shop towards west by 200 feet by 10 feet, the saw mill shop.

Mr. Speaker: It is not necessary to give all these details. I do not think hon. Members want these details of blacksmith shop and carpenter shop.

Shri Dasappa: Are there any arrangements or facilities for overhauling and repairing locomotive

engines in the Workshop, and if so, what are they?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: Yes. On 1-4-56, the periodical overhaul capacity was 35 locomotives per annum. Now it is planned to step it up to 60 locomotives. Similarly for carriages, from 480 per annum, it is being stepped up to 720, and for wagons from 772 to 1296 per annum.

Shri Dasappa: What exactly is the employment potential of this expansion?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: I could not give the exact figure just now.

Shri Tangamani: Out of the 46 coaches repaired, how many came up for major repairs and how many for minor repairs?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: They are all for periodical overhaul, that is, major repairs.

Shri Jadhav: May I know whether there is a short-fall of technical workers for the necessary repairs?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: Generally, there is no shortage of technical personnel.

Mr. Speaker: Next question.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: rose—

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Member gets up late.

Shri V. P. Nayar: He may be pardoned today!

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: May I know whether at this Workshop narrow gauge coaches are also being repaired?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: No.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: Where are they repaired?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: A separate notice may be given.

Cancer Wing of Safdarjang Hospital

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*1594 { **Shri Bhakt Darshan:**
Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
Shri D. C. Sharma:

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to refer to the reply given to

Starred Question No. 562 on the 4th December, 1956 and state:

(a) whether the detailed plans and estimates regarding the construction of the cancer wing of the Safdarjang Hospital have been prepared; and

(b) if so, whether the construction work has commenced?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): (a) and (b). Working drawings have been prepared and the estimates are under preparation by the Central Public Works Department.

श्री भक्त बशंन : मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि जब इस भवन की आधारशिला कई वर्ष पहले रखी जा चुकी है तो फिर अब इसमें इतनी देरी क्यों की जा रही है ?

श्री करमरकर : पहले तो पैसा नहीं मिला । हम वक्त कुछ कारवाई चल रही है ।

श्री भक्त बशंन : क्या अनुमान है कि कब तक यह काम शुरू हो जायेगा और अब तक वह खत्म हो जायेगा ?

श्री करमरकर : जब सी० पी० डब्ल्यू० डी० का एस्टिमेट आ जायेगा और उसके बाद आवश्यक लिखा पढी हो जायेगी तब काम जल्दी शुरू हो जायेगा । इस वर्ष कुछ काम शुरू हो जायेगा ।

Shri V. P. Nayar: From the hon. Minister's answer, I understand that estimates are being prepared. Do the estimates contemplate estimates relating to the necessary installations for the treatment of cancer by the latest known methods, including those of radio-active therapy?

Shri Karmarkar: Yes, like in everything else in the working of hospitals, we are going to have first-class, nothing less.

Shri V. P. Nayar: Have Government enough competent personnel to

administer the latest treatment using radio-active cobalt?

Shri Karmarkar: We hope to get them.

श्री बाबूबेबी : मंत्री जी ने अभी कहा कि आधारशिला रखने के बाद भी पैसा न होने के कारण भवन का निर्माण नहीं किया गया । मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि जब धनराशि नहीं थी तो आधारशिला रखने में इतनी जल्दी क्यों की गई और आधारशिला किम ने रखी ?

श्री करमरकर : मेरे यहाँ माने से पहले जो चीज हुई उसके लिये अभी मेरे पास इन्फार्मेशन नहीं है ।

Shri Bose: May I know what is the arrangement at present for the treatment of cancer?

Shri Karmarkar: I think in the Lady Hardinge College there is arrangement; also in Irwin Hospital.

Shri V. P. Nayar: Cancer is very important, Sir....

Mr. Speaker: It is very important; but let the building be constructed.

Shri Tangamani: Sir, on the previous occasion it was stated that it would be started in. . . .

Mr. Speaker: Order, order; next question

Chilka Lake in Orissa

*1596 Shri Panigrahi: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the scheme aiming at conducting experiments on the utilisation of raw materials available from the Chilka Lake in Orissa has been progressing satisfactorily;

(b) what are the kinds of raw materials available from the Chilka Lake; and

(c) the nature of research now being carried on the utilisation of

available raw materials from Chilka Lake?

The Deputy Minister of Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) (i) Weeds—Gracillaria Species.

(ii) Sharks.

(c) Research for the manufacture of Agar Agar from weeds and hydrolysed protein from sharks is being conducted.

Shri Panigrahi: May I know since when this research is being conducted and also the total amount of grants given so far for carrying out this research in Chilka lake?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: The research was started since the last 2 or 3 years only. There are two schemes. The Central Government has a research station under our Inland Fisheries which is doing the biological survey part of the work. The other is the State research station which has taken up the technological part and finding out the various uses of the weeds and the other by-products of the sea.

Shri Panigrahi: May I know whether some of the weeds grown in Chilka lake have proved to be useful for cattle food? If so, may I know whether any attempt has been made to produce that food?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: The weeds, especially Agar Agar which we are manufacturing out of them, have a very wide use not only in industry but for human consumption, also. Fishmeal and other things are used for cattle feed.

Shri V. P. Nayar: The hon. Minister indicated that in the Chilka lake there is abundance of weeds by name Gracillaria. I want to know whether there is any research programme to find out the relation of the occurrence of fish fingerlings with blooming of the gracillaria.

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: That is there as part of our Inland Fisheries Research station at Calcutta—Barrackpore.

Shri Supakar: May I know if fish is included in the category of raw materials?

Shri Panigrahi: Besides this Agar Agar, may I know whether there are other raw materials which have been found to be of commercial importance in the Chilka lake?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: Apart from these weeds which are converted into Agar Agar by the industry, there are shark fish which can be converted into shark liver oil, which the State Government is doing now. In addition, there are other by-products of the sea which have potential scope for development for various industrial and other uses.

Shri Panigrahi: May I know whether there is any proposal to set up any factory for the manufacture of this shark liver oil in Chilka lake?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: The State Government is manufacturing shark liver oil on a cottage industry scale. Since the last 2 years, they are manufacturing every year Rs. 20,000 worth of shark liver oil. But we intend to make it a sort of cottage industry. The State Industries Department is trying to start small factories there

बरेली-सहारनपुर लाइन को दोहरा करना

*१५६७. श्री मोहन स्वयं : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार बरेली-सहारनपुर लाइन (उत्तर रेलवे) को दोहरा बनाने के लिये किसी योजना पर विचार कर रही है ;
और

(ख) यदि हा, तो यह योजना कब तक कार्यान्वित होने की सम्भावना है ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy : (a) and (b). Only patch doubling of 61 miles

between Moradabad and Saharanpur has been considered necessary to cater to the traffic needs during the Second Five Year Plan. The doubling work is already in progress and is expected to be completed by 1961.

Shri Mohan Swarup: What about the Bareilly-Moradabad line? Is it not going to be doubled?

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: No, Sir. Between Bareilly and Moradabad there is an alternate line via Chandausi.

वी भक्त दर्शन क्या गवनमेट के प्यान में यह बात आई है कि पिछले महायुद्ध में पहले इस लाइन पर अगर एक दिन में ४ मालगाड़िया चलती थी तो आज २४ और २५ मालगाड़ियों का प्रोसत है इसलिये क्या इस पूरी लाइन को डबल करने के बारे में कोई कदम उठाये जायेगे ?

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: The traffic has increased and we are anticipating a further increase. Already there are 18 trains a day each way. We are anticipating an increase to 21 and we are making provision for that.

Electricity for Delhi Colonies

*1598 **Shri Daljit Singh:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No 3002 on the 27th September, 1958 and state the progress so far made in supplying electricity to the colonies in Delhi?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): There has been no increase in the number of electrified colonies in Delhi since September, 1958.

Shri Daljit Singh: May I know the time by which electricity will be supplied to all these colonies and what is the estimated cost? Has this been surveyed by this time?

Shri Hathi: It is difficult to say by what time all these colonies will be electrified. It depends upon the

request received from all these colonies. We have not received requests from a number of colonies and others have yet to pay the charges for extension.

Shri Tangamani: May I know in how many colonies, due to the non-approval, by the competent authority, of the proposals for electrification and for non-compliance with the formalities this electrification work has not started?

Shri Hathi: Nineteen.

Hydrogenated Vegetable Oils

*1599. **Shri Aurobindo Ghosal:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state

(a) whether Government have enquired about the effect of hydrogenated vegetable oils on the functioning of heart, and

(b) if so, with what results?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): (a) and (b) Investigations in this respect are in progress under the auspices of the Indian Council of Medical Research.

Shri Aurobindo Ghosal: Is it a fact that some doctors of international repute have said that the use of hydrogenated vegetable oils affects the functioning of the heart?

Shri Karmarkar: Briefly, the evidence obtained so far would seem to indicate that the feeding of animal fats and hydrogenated vegetable oils—both of which are lacking in essential fatty acids, viz, linoleic linoleic and arachidonic acids, may result in increased levels of lipides (mainly cholesterol) in the blood serum, which may in turn be associated with increased susceptibility to atherosclerosis and perhaps to coronary heart disease. It has also been observed that intake of cholesterol along with a diet deficient in essential fatty acids may hasten the onset of the deficiency symptoms and also increase the severity thereof, all of which means

that doubts have been raised about the advisability of using hydrogenated oils

Shri Aurobindo Ghosal: Is it not a fact that the number of deaths due to coronary thrombosis is more in Northern India where hydrogenated vegetable oil is used more than in South where it is used less?

Shri Karmarkar: I think so far as the disease is concerned, it is impartial both in South India and in North India. People living in towns due to the stress and strain have been suffering to a large extent from heart diseases, and thrombosis.

Dr Sushila Nayar: The explanation given by the hon Minister now shows pretty well the harmful effects of hydrogenated oils on the heart, the arteries and the cardio-vascular system. Has the Government any proposal to restrict the further production of these hydrogenated oils and their consumption in India?

Shri Karmarkar: What I showed was the trend on the basis of the observations made by some of the experts. No decisive results have yet been obtained. When the results achieved are of a decisive nature, then, it will be for us to consider what my esteemed colleague mentioned.

Shri Prabhat Kar: May I know whether, in view of the increased incidence of coronary thrombosis, Government will expedite finding out the effect of the use of these hydrogenated oils so that they can take steps?

Shri Karmarkar: Active experiments are undertaken by the ICMR. It is too early for us to say that we have achieved positive results.

सेठ गोविन्द दास : क्या यह बात सही नहीं है कि जहाँ तक बेजोटेबुल आयल का सम्बन्ध है यह विवादग्रस्त प्रश्न बना हुआ है अनेक वर्षों से और क्या गवर्नमेंट इस मामले में इस बात का प्रयत्न कर रही है कि जिन

बैज्ञानिकों ने ऐटम बम के सघुस बीजों बना ली हैं वे कम से कम कोई ऐसा रग निकाल लें जिससे कि हमको यह मालूम हो सके कि यह हाइड्रोजनेटेड बेजोटेबुल आयल है और यह भी नहीं है ?

श्री करमरकर अभी तक कोई ऐसा रग नहीं निकाला जा सका है ।

सेठ गोविन्द दास में जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या कारण है कि जिन बैज्ञानिकों ने अणु बम के मधुस बीज निकाल ली वह अभी तक रग निकालने में असमर्थ मिष्ट हो रहे हैं ?

श्री करमरकर जो एज काम कर सकते हैं वे दूसरा काम नहीं कर सकते हैं ।

Shri V P. Nayar: May I know whether it is a fact that as one of the products of competitive evils, the hydrogenated oil manufacturers are fortifying them with doses of vitamins, and may I also know whether it is not a fact that these vitamins get completely destroyed under Indian conditions of cooking?

Shri Karmarkar: I was told by my hon friend that day that vitamin A is consumed by frying or boiling or something like that. But before I hazard an opinion I should like to consult the experts also in the matter.

Pandit J P Jyotishi: May I ask one question?

Mr Speaker: He may reserve it for the next question.

Rail Link with Pradip Port

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*1601. { Shri Supakar:
Shri Panigrahi:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to connect Pradip Port on the East Coast with the Howrah-Madras railway line, and

(b) if so, whether any survey has been undertaken? .

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) No Sir

(b) Does not arise

Shri Supakar: Having regard to the prospective development of this port, is it likely to be included in the Third Plan?

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: Nothing can be said now until the port comes into being

Shri Supakar: The port is already there as a minor port and it is being developed

Shri S V Ramaswamy: As a minor port, it is not worthwhile making a line. As soon as it becomes a major port, then it will be time to consider it

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: This Pradip port is going to export two million tons of iron ore to Japan and then it will be a major port

Mr Speaker: The hon Member is arguing this matter

Shri Panigrahi: May I ask one question?

Mr. Speaker. It has been asked enough. The same question is being asked again and again. The hon Members want the hon. Minister lay the railway line immediately

Shri Panigrahi: No, Sir. I only want to know whether the State Trading Corporation has undertaken the responsibility of exporting two million tons of iron ore from this port and whether it has written expressing its difficulties and urging them to provide facilities for export of these iron ores?

Shri S. V Ramaswamy: I think that relates to the Ministry of Transport

Shri Panigrahi. They have written to the Ministry of Railways

Shri S V Ramaswamy: We are not aware of it

Enquiry into Damage to a Railway Bridge

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*1602 { **Shri Kunhan:**
Shri A. K. Gopalan:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state

(a) whether the enquiry by the Heads of Departments into the cause of falling of a girder of a bridge on Gadag-Sholapur Section of Southern Railway on the 8th February 1959 is over, and

(b) if so, what are the findings of the enquiry?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S V Ramaswamy). (a) The enquiry by the Heads of Departments has not yet been finalised

(b) Does not arise

Shri Kunhan: What are the reasons for the delay in the submission of the report?

Shri S V. Ramaswamy: There is no delay. The committee has been appointed. Certain materials from the damaged girders have been taken and they are being examined by the Joint Director of Research at Chuttaranjan. The report is awaited.

Shri Dasappa: In the meantime what relief has been given to the families of the people who met with death in this accident?

Shri S V. Ramaswamy: There are standing instructions about that and I would require notice (*Interruptions*)

Mr Speaker: There are instructions and they must be carried out. For further details, he must be given notice.

Shri Tangamanl: Four officials were killed in this accident and ten were injured. The legs of one or two people have had to be amputated. Yet the enquiry was only a departmental enquiry by the General Manager. May I know why there is so