

Shri Rameshwar Tantia: May I know whether the Visakhapatnam Shipyards was considered? Can it build ships for this purpose?

Shri Raj Bahadur: I have said that we have placed orders on the Visakhapatnam Shipyards also. One of them is expected to be delivered by September 1960 and the rest in the early part of the Third Plan period.

Shri Tangamani: How many ships are likely to be put on the sea between India and Persian Gulf routes this year?

Shri Raj Bahadur: I cannot exactly say that because we require a minimum of five ships to operate the India-Persian Gulf service including one cargo-cum-passenger ship.

Ticketless Travelling

*1152. **Pandit D. N. Tiwary:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to make extensive use of audio-visual methods to mobilise public opinion against ticketless travelling and

(b) if so, the details of the scheme?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) and (b) Campaign against ticketless travelling is normally carried on by the Railways utilizing such audio-visual media as documentary films, posters, announcements on loudspeakers fitted at stations etc. But no special steps in this connection are now under consideration.

Pandit D. N. Tiwary: May I know whether Government are aware that the steps taken so far have not resulted in any success? If so, is any special effort going to be made in this connection?

Mr. Speaker: The other day we passed some legislation.

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan: Yes.

Mr. Speaker: Then hon. Members said that it was too severe. Hon.

Members are themselves responsible for legislation. The other day they said 'No, no. All and sundry are harassed'. One hon. Member said that he and his wife got into a wrong carriage and suddenly they were asked to get down. He pulled the chain. He then asked the House whether he was to be prosecuted for that. After all this, the hon. Member is asking what are the steps that are taken. Those people must only be hanged hereafter. Next question.

Some Hon. Members rose—

Mr. Speaker: I am not going to allow these questions hereafter. I will give strict instructions to the Secretariat relating to questions on the General Budget and on the Railways generally. Ticketless travel is going on endlessly. Next question.

Shri Hem Barua: May I have another information?

Mr. Speaker: Not relating to this ticketless travelling. Ticketless travelling is a usual affair. Next question.

Supply of Foodgrains to U.P.

*1153. **Shri S. M. Banerjee:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state

(a) the total quantity of foodgrains supplied to U.P. during the months of December 1958 and January and February 1959, and

(b) the price at which supplied?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) About 2.33 lakh tons of foodgrains were supplied to Uttar Pradesh during December 1958 and January and February 1959.

(b) The prices at which these foodgrains have been supplied are as under—

Wheat	Rs 14 per maund
Rice	Rs 16 per maund
Milo and Maize	Rs 11 per maund

These prices were inclusive of the cost of gunny bags, and for delivery FOR destination station.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: May I know whether it is a fact that the wheat supplied by the Centre at the rate of Rs 14 a maund is being supplied to fair-price shops by the UP Government at Rs 15 a maund, if so, may I know why there is this difference, and whether this has been brought to the notice of the Central Government?

Shri A. M. Thomas: Some margin would have been charged on account of transport charges. I do not think it is Re 1, it differs from place to place.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: I belong to UP and I know that there is a difference of Re 1 a maund.

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. So far as details are concerned, if there is any difference, hon Member will communicate it to the hon Minister.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: May I know whether it is in the knowledge of the hon Minister that the UP Government has raised the limit from Rs 150 to Rs 250, and, if so, whether in view of this increase more supply will be given to UP Government for distribution?

Shri A. M. Thomas: It is true that the limit has been raised to Rs 250 and now all persons drawing Rs 250 and less are entitled to draw ration from fair-price shops. In view of that we have also increased our supplies.

Shri Jadhav: In reply to an Unstarred Question No 824, on 24th February 1959 it was stated that UP is self-sufficient in foodgrains. May I know what quantity was supplied during the year 1958-59?

Shri A. M. Thomas: Normally UP is self-sufficient, but we all know about the catastrophe that happened in 1957-58. UP has been supplied about 5109 thousand tons of foodgrains.

श्री बाजपेयी : क्या यह सच है कि हाल में ही उत्तर प्रदेश से अनाज ले जाने और

उत्तर प्रदेश में अनाज लाने के सम्बन्ध में कुछ नये प्रतिबन्ध लगाये गये हैं ? और यदि हा, तो इस प्रकार के प्रतिबन्ध लगाने के क्या कारण हैं ?

शास्य तथा कृषि मंत्री (श्री प्र० प्र० जैन) : कोई खास प्रतिबन्ध तो नहीं लगाये गये लेकिन जो स्थान सरहद पर हैं वहाँ से स्मगलिंग को रोकने के लिये कुछ थोड़ी सी तब्दीली की गई है। कोई खास बड़ी तब्दीली नहीं की गई है।

श्री बाजपेयी : सीमा के ऊपर अनाज का अवैध व्यापार नहीं होता, इस प्रकार का मत मंत्री महोदय ने इस सदन में कई बार प्रकट किया था, और निरन्तर यह माग की जाती रही थी कि उन प्रतिबन्धों को कड़ा किया जाय। मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या सरकार ने इस बात को स्वीकार कर लिया है कि बड़ी मात्रा में उत्तर प्रदेश से चारी में अनाज बाहर जाता है ?

श्री प्र० प्र० जैन : यहाँ पर स्वीकार करने का तो कोई सवाल नहीं है, लेकिन यह जरूर है कि कुछ अनाज चोरी से जाता था।

Shri S. M. Banerjee: May I know whether the Central Government is also supplying some quota of wheat to the flour mills in UP, if so, may I know the quantity supplied, and whether it had been brought to its knowledge that they are misusing it and they have been caught?

Shri A. M. Thomas: Imported wheat is being supplied from August, 1958 for the requirements of flour mills in UP. We have altogether supplied at the rate of 14,500 tons a month.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: May I know whether you are fixing any price?

Shri A. M. Thomas: Yes. Prices are also fixed. No complaint of the sort mentioned by the hon Member has come to our notice. If my hon

friend brings it to our notice we will enquire.

Shri Nagi Reddy: May I have the break-up of figures relating to rice supplied to UP in 1958 and 1959?

Shri A. M. Thomas: I have said that in 1958 we have supplied 510.9 thousand tons of foodgrains. In January we supplied 61.5 thousand tons and in February we supplied 79.8 thousands tons.

Shri Nagi Reddy: I am asking about rice?

Shri A. M. Thomas: The total quantity of rice supplied to UP is only 700 tons—600 tons in December and 100 tons in January. After all, rice is not required in UP especially at this period.

Shri Kamal Singh: Is it not a fact that large quantities of foodgrains are smuggled into UP, if so, may I know what steps Government propose to take to stop this smuggling especially from Shahabad district in Bihar?

Shri A. M. Thomas: We have received such reports, but every effort is being made to have adequate check posts in the border areas.

Irrigation Projects

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*1155. { **Shri Nagi Reddy:**
 Shri Ramam:

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) the steps adopted to economise in the construction of irrigation projects without reducing the tempo of construction; and

(b) how far have those measures been successful in effecting economy?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) A statement giving the more important steps adopted to effect economy in the construction of irrigation projects is placed on the Table of the House [See Appendix III, annexure No 103].

(b) It is not possible to make a precise assessment of the overall economy resulting from the various measures taken.

Shri Nagi Reddy: May I know whether it is a fact that quite a large number of projects which have been constructed have been held up because enough steel has not been supplied, and therefore there has been an overall expenditure increase in the administrative side of the projects?

Shri Hathi: That is why under item 9 of the statement we have said "Proper planning and detailed investigations prior to the commencement of execution of work". Proper planning has to be done about the requirements of the material.

Shri Nagi Reddy: May I know whether within these five years quite a number of projects in Andhra have been held up even after construction simply because there is not enough steel and even to this day the use of those projects has almost been nil, if so, may I know what steps are being taken in this connection?

Shri Hathi: In some cases it may be that the steel may not have been available due to shortage of steel. We have to depend upon foreign countries for steel. Steps are being taken to expedite the procurement of steel.

Korba and Birsinghpur Power Stations

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*1156. { **Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:**
 Shri Kistaiya:
 Shri Aurebindo Ghosal:

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No 1078 on the 17th December, 1958 and state the progress made in regard to the proposal to implement the Korba Power Station Expansion and Birsinghpur Thermal Power Station schemes in Madhya Pradesh?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): The Birsinghpur Thermal Power Station Scheme has recently been approved by the Planning Commission for implementation during the Second Plan and the preliminary works of this project are in hand. Investigation for a suitable site for the location of the station is