

Visakhapatnam Sugar and Refineries Ltd.

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*282. { Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:
Shri Madhusudan Rao:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 57 on the 4th August, 1959 and state:

(a) whether any progress has since been made in the acquisition of the Visakhapatnam Sugar and Refineries Ltd. by the peasants in the area of Thummapala on co-operative basis; and

(b) if so, with what results?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) and (b). The Anakapalle Co-operative Agricultural and Industrial Society Ltd., Thummapala has purchased the factory and expects to start working from the middle of December, 1959.

Derailment Near Indore

*284. **Shri Kumbhar:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether a fireman and a cleaner were killed and two persons seriously injured when a light engine of the Western Railway running from Mhow to Khandwa went off the rails between Patalpani and Kalakhund stations on the Khandwa-Ajmer metre-gauge section about 25 miles from Indore on the night of 9th September, 1959;

(b) if so, whether any investigation was made into the accident; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) to (c). On 10-9-1959 at about 03:05 hours Light Engine No. 2336 YP while running between Patalpani and Kalakhund stations on the Mhow-Khandwa, Metre Gauge section of the Western Railway, got derailed between the stations. As a result, 4 persons were killed and one sustained minor in-

juries. A Major Joint Enquiry by Junior Administrative Officers of the Railway was held to investigate the accident. The accident has been attributed to excessive speed of the engine while negotiating a curve on a steep descending gradient.

Shri Joachim Alva: There is a report lying in the Railway Board on the interlocking system, the automatic system. May I know whether they have implemented the report? If that report is implemented, these accidents will perhaps vanish. What has happened to that report?

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: It has nothing to do with this question.

Hasan-Mangalore Rail Link

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*285. { Shri Kunhan:
Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:
Shri A. K. Gopalan:
Shri Vasudevan Nair:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 789 on the 25th August, 1959 and state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission have since concluded the consideration of Hasan-Mangalore rail link;

(b) if so, the nature of decision arrived at; and

(c) the grounds for reaching that decision?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) Not yet Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

"Rabi Campaign"

*286. **Shri Inder J. Malhotra:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have any plans to launch "the Rabi Production Campaign" this year also;

(b) if so, whether this campaign will be launched all over the country or only in certain selected States; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to achieve better co-ordination amongst all the State Governments as also of the various departments of Central and State Governments directly involved in the campaign?

The Deputy Minister of Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa): (a) and (b). As in the last Rabi season, the State Governments will launch a Production Campaign during the Rabi Season this year also. This will be done all over the country. A note circulated to State Governments containing the observations and suggestions of the Central Government is placed on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 85].

(c) Coordination between State departments is to be ensured by the Development Commissioner, while at the Centre coordination between the Ministry of Food and Agriculture and the Ministry of Community Development and Cooperation is secured through the Coordination Committees at the Ministers, as well as Departmental level which have been functioning for the last three years.

Shri Inder J. Malhotra: May I know whether the Government proposes to supply improved seeds also in addition to fertilisers?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: Yes, Sir. As a result of the rabi campaign, we supplied in the rabi campaign in 1957-58 improved seeds to the extent of 120,000 maunds. In the rabi campaign last year, we have supplied 207,000 maunds, nearly 1 lakh maunds more. So also, the area covered by plant protection: it was only 211,000 acres in the previous year. We increased this to 16 lakh acres, nearly eight times that in the previous year. So also manure: in the previous year, only 32,000 tons were given; it was raised to 104,000 tons.

Shri Tridib Kumar Chaudhuri: May I know whether, after the recent floods in West Bengal, the West Bengal Government requisitioned for additional rabi seeds and manure and whether the quantity already supplied will be deducted from the quota to be given to West Bengal in the rabi campaign?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: Whatever we give as part of the rabi campaign has nothing to do with what we give generally for floods. Provided we have enough seeds, we generally do not reduce the quota.

Shrimati Renu Chakravartty: May I know whether any target is set both in terms of money as well as physically with regard to drainage and irrigation for this campaign?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: Rabi campaign is a campaign involving a systematic concentrated effort wherein all the available resources, agencies and organisations are mobilised for more production in the country, co-ordinating timely supply of credit, timely supply of manure, fertilisers, implements and insecticides and as far as possible we increase them in those areas to which we take the campaign. As a result of this, the production in the 9 States to which we have taken the campaign, has gone up by 16 per cent compared with the previous year's production in those states.

Shrimati Renu Chakravartty: That is not the question. I want to know whether there is any allocation of special target for drainage and irrigation. Obviously not: I take it it is not there.

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: Drainage and irrigation is not a short-term thing. That comes under major irrigation and minor irrigation. We have targets: not as part of the rabi campaign.

Shri Sinhasan Singh: May I know whether any complaint has come to the Government that in a Block development area where there is rabi

campaign, there is no co-ordination between the Agriculture department and the Irrigation department? The result is, the Block development officers distribute the seeds, but the Irrigation department does not give water and everything goes wrong. May I know whether the Government is considering co-ordination between the two and putting of the departments under the control of the Block development officer so that he may co-ordinate and run the rabi campaign?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: Efforts have been made to bring about co-ordination not only at the top, but in the bottom also. In the bottom level, in the village field level, we have tried to place all the connected officers under the Tehsildar. If there is any such complaint, I am sure, the Development Commissioner will take it into consideration and see that all the officers are placed under that officer who is responsible for more production in that area.

श्री विभूति मिश्र : मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या यह सही है कि गेहूँ और जौ के बीजों की जितनी मांग है वह सरकार की तरफ से पूरी नहीं की जा रही है ; यदि हाँ तो सरकार उसके लिए क्या प्रबन्ध कर रही है ?

श्री सौ० बें० कृष्णप्पा : जी हाँ यह तो ठीक है कि हम बीजों के वास्ते स्टेट्स में जितनी मांग आती है उतनी हम पूरा नहीं कर पा रहे हैं ? लेकिन कितनी भी मांग पूरी करना हमारे लिए सम्भव होगा वह हम करेंगे ।

Shri Supakar: The hon. Deputy Minister stated that the increase in production was 16 per cent. May I know whether this increase of 16 per cent corresponded with the target and whether any target was set for the last rabi campaign?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: As I have already stated, there was no target for the rabi campaign alone. We have targets in the Second Plan. We have

targets every year as well as five-year targets. The rabi campaign is meant to be an all-out effort to bring scientific co-ordination of all the agencies to grow more food. The increased production of 16 per cent as a result of the rabi campaign is as compared with three years' average production in the rabi season. It is 16 per cent more.

Shri Muhammed Elias: May I know whether any additional credit will be given in West Bengal after these floods for the rabi campaign?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: Yes, Sir. As part of the Grow more food campaign, we used only to give Rs. 10 crores short term loans. As a result of the rabi campaign, we intend to give Rs. 3 crores more. A part of it will be for West Bengal.

Shri B. K. Gaikwad: In which States the Government are going to launch this rabi campaign?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: Formerly, it was only in 9 States—that is in 1958-59. Now, it is throughout the country—a country-wide campaign this season.

Pandit D. N. Tiwari: May I know whether the Government is aware that rabi seeds are reaching the States, especially Bihar when the rabi sowing is almost over, and if so, what benefits the cultivators will derive by receiving the seeds late?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: The sowing of rabi of 1959-60 generally starts from September-October. It starts in Bihar in September-October and ends somewhere in January. India is such a vast country. We cannot say rabi sowing is over now. It starts in September-October in Bihar and goes up to January in South India.

Pandit D. N. Tiwari: Why is the seed sent to Bihar after October?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: It must be for the next season.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Minister has ingeniously explained it away. If it was sent in October, that was intended for September and not for next September. The hon. Minister must say that he will look into this matter and correct it.

Shri Radha Raman: The hon. Deputy Minister just now said that demand was made from different States and he was not able to supply the full requirements. What was the quantity supplied and to what extent was it supplied?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: As I have said earlier and give figures also, in the previous year, we could supply only 120,000 maunds. In the rabi season we supplied 207,000 maunds, nearly 80,000 maunds more.

Shri Radha Raman: In view of the fact that the Rabi season is about to be over, may I know if the Government is receiving regular reports and whether the final report will be available to show the results obtained by this campaign.

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: The season is not over. That is what I explained. It starts in September-October and it goes up to January. Sowing may be over in a major part of the country. Our rabi campaign is not only sowing. It includes weeding, supply of fertilisers and insecticides; up till the crop comes to the house, the campaign continues.

Mr. Speaker: Next question: Shri Amjad Ali: absent.

Shri Amjad Ali: 287.

Mr. Speaker: Where is he?

I am not going to allow. Hon. Members must be in their seats. If they go on changing seats, how can I know?

Shri Amjad Ali: I just now arrived, Sir.

Mr. Speaker: I will make an exception now.

Theft of Railway Property

*287. **Shri Amjad Ali:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the first five months of 1959, railway property worth over rupees eight lakhs was stolen; and

(b) the measures that are being proposed by the Government to check such thefts?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) Yes. Out of this, property worth Rs. 41,417 was recovered.

(b) The following measures are being taken by the Railways:—

(i) Escorting of all night goods trains by armed and unarmed personnel of the R.P.F.;

(ii) Joint patrolling by RPF and local police of notorious areas;

(iii) Posting of R.P.F. pickets at vulnerable points;

(iv) Double rivetting of wagons and extensive use of E.P. locks;

(v) Joint checking of coaches by Electrical, Mechanical and R.P.F. staff;

(vi) Escorting of important passenger trains by R.P.F. and so on.

Mr. Speaker: The rest of the answer may be laid on the Table of the House.

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(vii) Padlocking of upper class coaches when the rakes are placed in sidings;

(viii) Surprise raids by R.P.F. staff on trains from which losses are frequently reported;