

That seems to be the trend, nothing more. Hon. Minister will consider that matter.

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: We will consider that matter.

Shri Hem Barua: Sir, you have given the answer also.

Buffer Stock of Foodgrains in Orissa

*1221. **Shri P. K. Deo:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether any buffer stock of foodgrains have been built in Orissa this year;

(b) what is the quantity of foodgrains of this stock; and

(c) where they are located?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) Yes, the Orissa Government have been building up stocks.

(b) About 47,000 tons of foodgrains up to 1-3-1960.

(c) Stocks have been kept in the Government storage godowns and depots of the purchasing agents and storage agents in different districts of the State.

Shri P. K. Deo: May I know if the stock is sufficient to meet the scarcity which generally occurs in the months of July and August every year in that State, more so in the coming rainy season due to the Orissa-West Bengal food zone?

Shri A. M. Thomas: The hon. House knows we have decided that there should be a reserve stock of about 75,000 tons in Orissa. The State Government feels that it will be in a position to find the necessary storage accommodation also for that stock.

Shri P. K. Deo: May I know if there is any movement of foodgrains from the suffer stock to the scarcity areas in the last few months?

Shri A. M. Thomas: This quantity that has been procured is kept in

different districts, especially having regard to the difficult places.

Shri P. K. Deo: I wanted to know whether there has been any movement of foodgrains in the last few months?

Mr. Speaker: How does it arise out of this question?

Shri A. M. Thomas: Hitherto the necessity has not arisen for distribution through fair-price shops or anything like that. Therefore, these quantities are kept in different places. I do not know whether there has been any movement from one place to another.

Shri Sanganna: May I know whether the Government are aware that very recently the Finance Minister of Orissa stated that there need be no panic about rise of prices in Orissa?

Shri A. M. Thomas: Yes, Sir; we have also been saying that the Orissa people need not be panicky at all.

Shri Surendranath Dwivedy: Just now the Deputy Minister stated that fair-price shops are not being supplied from the buffer stock. Fair-price shops have been opened there. May I know whether they are being supplied foodgrains by procuring rice from the open market?

Shri A. M. Thomas: No, Sir. In fact, there is some stock lying over from last year. They have also been procuring this year. I have already mentioned that about 47,000 tons of foodgrains have been procured, about 30,000 tons of paddy and about 17,000 tons of rice. This quantity is kept by way of reserve stock. They are continuing the levy on mills at the rate of 20 per cent., so that there may not be any difficulty in the matter of supplies.

Death by Railway Accident in Sealdah Division

*1222. **Shri Raghunath Singh:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether it is a fact that seven people including two women

were run over and killed by trains in the Sealdah Division of Eastern Railway in the past twenty hours preceding the 19th March, 1960?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): Not seven but three persons viz. one male and two females were run over and killed by three different trains at different places in Sealdah Division while they were trying to cross the railway track in the face of approaching trains.

Shri Raghunath Singh: The hon. Minister has said that three persons were killed. May I know how many persons were injured, and may I also know the reason why in one day so many accidents have taken place?

Mr. Speaker: All in the same train?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: There were three different trains at different places and accidents were outside the station yard, in block sections. Further, in broad daylight if somebody decides to be run over by a train what can we do?

Shri Raghunath Singh: May I know whether such accidents are happening there daily and whether it is not a fact that three or four people are killed by these accidents daily?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: No, Sir. They are not happening daily.

Shrimati Renu Chakravartty: May I know whether these accidents are due to the fact that between Barasat and Dum Dum there is no double track, with the result that outside the yard, when crossing takes place, there is shunting, and that is why these people are run over?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: These are all passenger trains; there is no shunting at all.

श्रीमती सहोदरा बाई राय : अध्यक्ष महोदय

अध्यक्ष महोदय : आप भी क्या कलकत्ता से आती हैं ? अच्छा आप भी सूख लीजिये ।

श्रीमती सहोदरा बाई राय : क्या माननीय मंत्री महोदय बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि मियालदह स्टेशन पर १९ मार्च को जो महिलायें दब कर मर गई थीं उनके बाल-बच्चों को क्या कोई धनराशि दी गई है और दी गई है तो कितनी दी गई है ?

श्री शाहनवाज खां : इसमें तो रेलवे का कसूर नहीं है, इसलिये कोई धनराशि नहीं देंगे ।

श्रीमती सहोदरा बाई राय : कैसे कसूर नहीं है ? जिन महिलाओं की जानें चली गई हैं, उनके जो बाल बच्चे हैं, वे कहां से खायेंगे ? आपको उन्हें कुछ देना है या नहीं देना है ?

Mr. Speaker: Next question.

World Agriculture Fair

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- Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:
 - Shri Bhakt Darshan:
 - Shri Hem Barua:
 - Shri P. K. Deo:
 - Shri Pangarkar:
 - Shri Madhusudan Rao:
 - Shri Bibhuti Mishra:
 - Shri Kalika Singh:
 - Shri Hem Raj:
 - Shri B. K. *Chakravarti*
 - Shri Karni Singhji:
 - Shri Manabendra Shukh:
 - Shri Tangamani:
 - Shri Supakar:
 - Shri Braj Raj Singh:
 - Kumari M. Vedakumari:
 - Shrimati Minmata:
 - Shri Dinesh Singh:
 - Shri Ramji Verma:
 - Shri Goray:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to lay a statement showing:

(a) the total expenses incurred on the World Agriculture Fair in Delhi;

(b) the income therefrom;

(c) the total number of visitors; and

(d) what steps are being taken to