

Mr. Speaker: He only wants to know in which railways there has been the maximum theft.

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: The maximum is in the North-Eastern Frontier Railway; next comes the North-Eastern Railway.

Shri Jagannatha Rao: May I know the steps taken or proposed to be taken after this heavy incidence of theft? The statement gives the measures taken by Government to avoid the loss in future. May I know whether steps were taken in 1959-60, or new measures are to be taken in 1960-61.

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: Some of them have already been there. We have intensified the drive to prevent thefts.

Shri Tyagi: What are the methods adopted by the thieves? Do they take wagons full or only baskets full, what is the method of theft?

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: He must ask the thieves, not me.

Shri Tyagi: No, Sir. If anything is stolen, the proprietor of the property must know how much quantity has been stolen, in what way. If the hon. Minister does not know the method applied by the thieves, how can he prevent these thefts?

Mr. Speaker: We are arguing. The hon. Member evidently wants to know whether whole wagons have been stolen.

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: No, Sir.

The Minister of Railways (Shri Jagjivan Ram): No wholesale wagons have been stolen, but in the very nature of things it is very difficult to determine what quantity has been stolen by what method and at what place, because the wagons have to go long distances.

Shri Tyagi: Has any such incident come to the notice of the Minister that the total stock was found short?

Mr. Speaker: He only wants to know how this has been arrived at.

Have you apprehended all the thefts and found out the quantity or the deficit in the stock?

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: It is largely shortage.

Some Hon. Members rose—

Mr. Speaker: If hon. Members are only going to assist in the discovery of all this, then I can allow the questions!

Next question.

Shrimati Masida Ahmed: One question, Sir.

Mr. Speaker: I will allow her on another question.

ग्राम तथा रबी की फसलों की क्षति

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 श्री मवल प्रभाकर :
 श्री रघुनाथ सिंह :
 श्री विश्वनाथ राय :

क्या बाढ़ तथा क्षति सभी यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि मार्च, १९६० के दूसरे सप्ताह में वर्षा और धोलों के कारण देश के विभिन्न भागों में, ग्राम और रबी की फसलों की क्षति पहुँची है ;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो किन-किन राज्यों पर इसका प्रभाव पड़ा है , और

(ग) कितनी हानि हुई है ?

क्षति उपर्युक्त (बी बी० बें० कुल्लुम्बा):
 (क) से (ग). सूची हुई जानकारी इकट्ठी की जा रही है और मिलने पर ममा की टेबल पर रस दी जायेगी ।

An hon. Member: In English also.

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha as soon as it is available.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: May I know when the Government of India approached the State Governments to send

this information, and whether any State Government sent the information in this regard on its own; if so, which State Government, and what is the information?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: Normally, periodically every State Government sends us weather reports. As soon as we get a question, we immediately contact all the State Governments and get full information. In this connection, we asked all the State Governments and we have got information from West Bengal, Andhra, U.P., Kerala, Rajasthan, Delhi and Pondicherry. The remaining States have yet to give the information, and as soon as it comes, we will place it on the Table.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: May I know the extent of loss to rabi and mango crop in the States from which the information has been received?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: They are also not able to assess properly the total damage. It is too early to say because only last month hailstorm occurred in many States, and it is a normal feature, every year we get it, but in some areas we get more, and it takes some time to assess it, but when the information is received, I will place it on the Table of the House, it will give all the information.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: May I know whether Government have received any request from the Government of Bihar to send grain stocks particularly to North Bihar?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: We have not yet received the information from Bihar. As soon as we get it, we shall tell the hon. Member.

श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि किस मूले में सब से ज्यादा क्षति हुई है ?

श्री मो० बें० कृष्णप्पा : हेम-स्टार्च उत्तर प्रदेश में ज्यादा होते हैं। घाम का मात्र आध में भी होता है।

The hon. Speaker's constituency is very famous for mangoes, and also the adjoining constituency which is mine. I own a mango garden, and every year it is a normal feature, there is destruction by hailstorm.

Sardar A. S. Saigal: May I know whether any State Governments have come forward requesting the Government of India to place more funds at their disposal in view of the damage suffered?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: They have not yet asked. No Government has asked, as a result of this hailstorm, for more money.

Shrimati Renuka Ray: Has the West Bengal Government informed the Centre about the fact that Malda District has had its total mango crop destroyed, and have they asked for any funds to give loans to the mango growers?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: With your permission, Sir, I will read the reply of the West Bengal Government, which is a small passage. They say:

"Sporadic hailstorms and rains have been reported in the early part of March, but these were not heavy, and the damage to the standing rabi crop, including potato, is not likely to be appreciable. The fruiting of mango, however, suffered a setback."

The extent of damage has not been indicated.

Some Hon. Members rose—

Mr. Speaker: If there is a hailstorm or gale, am I to allow supplementaries regarding every State? The hon. Minister has said that he is gathering information. Whatever information he has, he has placed on the Table; whatever further information he gets, he will also place on the Table of the House.

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*1311. **Shri Raghunath Singh:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state whether it is a fact that a record for