

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy):** (a) It is possible that passengers intending to buy tickets at Munabae for West Pakistan may be experiencing some delay, but their waiting for several hours for purchasing the tickets has not come to our notice.

(b) while tickets are issued from stations in India direct to Barmer, similar facility from stations on West Pakistan does not obtain.

**Shri Surendranath Dwivedy:** Has the Government requested the Pakistan Government to make available to our passengers direct tickets from their side?

**Shri S. V. Ramaswamy:** It is for them to make a request.

#### Cuddalore-Salem Road as a National Highway

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\*1068. { **Shrimati Parvathi Krishnan:**  
**Shri Nagi Reddy:**

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Madras Government have requested the Centre to declare the Cuddalore Salem road as a National Highway; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) No, Sir. This road is, however, included in the expanded system of National Highways suggested in the Report of Chief Engineers on Road Development Plan for India (1961-81), which has been prepared after taking into consideration the views of the various States regarding expansion of the National Highway system.

(b) The detailed consideration of the Report of Chief Engineers has been deferred till the receipt of the Report of the Committee appointed by Government to examine the question of co-ordination between the different means of transport and long-term policy issues involved in their future development.

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**Shrimati Parvathi Krishnan:** In view of the importance of this road which would link Neyveli with Salem may I know whether Government is considering the taking up of this work as early as possible?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** This road is a State road. As I have just now said, we have got limited funds at our disposal so far as the expansion of the Highway is concerned. In fact, with the provision that we have got in the Third Plan it is difficult to say at this stage whether we can expand the system any bit. But this point about its importance, is already under the consideration of the Madras Government.

#### Motor Transport Industry

\*1069. **Shri Tangamani:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2042 on the 17th March, 1959 and state:

(a) whether the investment in Motor Transport Industry has increased during the past 18 months;

(b) if so, by how much;

(c) what is the amount invested at present; and

(d) how many persons are employed in the industry?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) Yes.

(b) According to rough estimates, the investments has increased by Rs. 266 crores during the years 1957-58 to 1959-60.

(c) Roughly Rs. 912 crores (as on 31-3-1960).

(d) According to an estimate made by the National Council of Applied Economic Research, the total number of persons who found employment in the road transport industry, in its broad sense, was about 24 lakhs during the year 1957-58. Information in respect of the number of persons em-

ployed in the industry at present is not yet available.

**Shri Tangamani:** May I know whether following the report of the Jha Committee steps will be taken for the manufacture of baby cars and, if so, whether it will be in the private sector or in the public sector?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** That question may be addressed to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

**Shri Indrajit Gupta:** How much of this investment in this industry is in the State sector and how much is in the private sector?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** That information is not with me.

**Shri Tangamani:** On a previous occasion we were told that the revenue estimate was of Rs. 94.5 crores both for the Central and the State Governments for the year 1958-59. May we know whether this has increased during 1959-60 and, if so, by how much?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** It is already showing trends of an increase from year to year. There is not the least doubt about it.

**Shri Shree Narayan Das:** May I know whether the National Council of Applied Economic Research has made a study of this industry and whether they have made any suggestions? If so, what are the important suggestions?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** At our instance they undertook a study of motor transport on three particular points, namely, firstly, the employment potential; secondly, the contribution of the motor transport industry to the national exchequer, that means the revenues of the State Governments as well as of the Central Government, and, lastly, the importance of road transport for economic development, that is, development of industries.

**Shri Tangamani:** May I know whether the Government has been approached by any of the private indus-

trialists, like Shri TVS, Madurai, for helping them in setting up motor transport industry in the South, particularly, in Madurai?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** Such requests are made to the State Governments from time to time. As the hon. Member is aware, transport is a concurrent subject and the executive responsibility in regard to development of transport vests with the State Governments. I am sure, any such request received by the State Governments should be receiving the proper attention.

**Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** The figure that has been given out for investment in the road transport industry is Rs. 266 crores. May I know if this investment is only on road transport industry or it is on the motor industry as well? May I also know the public sector percentage?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** The investment in the public sector, I will not be able to give. This is motor road transport industry.

**Shri Pahadia:** In view of the fact that a large number of persons are employed in that industry, may I know whether the Government propose to nationalise the industry?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** That is a very difficult question. But, we would like to wait for the advice of the Neogy Committee on this particular question as well, whether nationalisation can be increased and, if so, to what extent and to what sectors.

### चिनी की बिक्री

\*१०७०. श्री खुशबक्त राय : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री १६ अगस्त, १९६० के अतारहित प्रश्न संख्या ७९६ के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इस सीमा में बनी चीनी कब तक बिक जायेगी और उसके हिसाब तय हो जायेंगे;