

Will the Government tell us whether they will insist on the profit of 5 per cent. to make it commercially a feasible line?

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: This is a different category altogether. This is for the export of iron ore to Japan. The two lines Sambalpur and Kiriburu lines are for the export of two million tons of iron ore by 1964. By 1966, we are to export 4 million tons more to Japan by the other line, namely the Bailadilla-Kotavallassa line.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO
QUESTIONS

Electrification of Railways

*804. { **Shri Keshava:**
Shri Subiman Ghose:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the progress made up-to-date in regard to electrification schemes on the Indian Railways?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): A statement is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 9].

Push Buttons in Ladies' Compartments

*809. **Pandit D. N. Tiwari:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the arrangement of providing push buttons in ladies' compartments of some trains for use at the time of danger has been made on all the Railways; and

(b) if so, the experience gained so far in different zones?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) Yes, except on the N.F., Southern and South Eastern Railways.

(b) This device has been brought into operation recently. No emergency has so far arisen necessitating its use.

Cochin Port

*811. **Shri Narayanankutty Menon:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether any foreign exchange has been asked for for equipment for Cochin Port during the last year of the Second Five Year Plan;

(b) whether foreign exchange asked for was sanctioned; and

(c) if so, what is the equipment to be purchased?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Sanction has been given for Rs. 6.188 lakhs so far out of a total foreign exchange of Rs. 13.438 lakhs asked for.

(c) The items of equipment to be purchased out of the foreign exchange already sanctioned are materials for renewing moorings, spares for dredgers, cranes and launches, wire ropes, additional fittings for the black oil installation, spare guard receiver for wireless set, variable speed computer, one Lister Auto-truck, one tractor and two trailers, salvage equipment for a tug, additional equipment for voltage regulator, underground cables and electric equipment for street lights. The items of equipment for which the balance of Rs. 7.25 lakhs of foreign exchange is required are a fire float and a steam dynamo for a tug.

Electric Cranes for Calcutta Port

{ **Shri P. K. Deo:**
Shri Raghunath Singh:

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

(a) whether electric cranes are being to be put in Calcutta Port;

(b) if so, their cost and source of supply; and

(c) the amount of foreign exchange involved?

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

(b) The estimated cost of 62 cranes to be installed is Rs. 1,58,23,391. These are being purchased from West Germany and Japan.

(c) Rs. 93.4 lakhs.

Tenders for Steel etc. for Indian Railways

*813. **Shrimati Ha Palchoudhuri:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of India have invited tenders from foreign countries for the supply of steel and other steel materials for Indian Railways; and

(b) if so, the details of the requirements for which tenders have been invited?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Two Tenders S-7 and S-8 have been issued—

(i) Tender S-7 for Hoops and Wires 1,100 Tons for Railways.

(ii) Tender S-8 for 95,000 Tons of steel comprising mostly of Plates and Sheets and Special sections required for Rolling Stock and Railways' Works.

संतति निरोधक औषधि

*८१४. श्री प० ला० बाबूपाल : क्या स्वास्थ्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि राजस्थान के जिला जैसलमेर के एक ग्रामीण ने सरकार को परीक्षण करने के लिये एक संतति निरोधक औषधि का नमूना भेजा है जो उसने स्वयं तैयार की है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका क्या परिणाम निकला है ?

स्वास्थ्य मंत्री (श्री करमरकर):

(क) जी हां। संतति-निरोधक औषधि का निर्माता से उक्त औषधि की रचना-सम्बन्धी विस्तृत जानकारी मांगी गई है ताकि उसका परीक्षण किया जा सके। उसके उत्तर की प्रतीक्षा की जा रही है।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

दुर्गम क्षेत्र समिति

*८१५. श्री भक्त बर्षा : क्या साहब तथा कृषि मंत्री २८ मार्च १९६० के तारांकित प्रश्न संख्या ११२१ के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि दुर्गम क्षेत्र समिति की सिफारिशों को कार्यान्वित करने के बारे में इस बीच क्या प्रगति हुई है ?

कृषि उपमंत्री (श्री मो० वें० कृष्णप्पा): सभा की टेबिल पर एक विवरण रख दिया गया है।

विवरण

समिति की बाकी रिपोर्ट अन्वित राज्य सरकारों/प्रशासकों को भेजा दी गई है। कार्यान्वित करने के लिये समिति की सिफारिशों पर आवश्यक योजनाएँ अब उनको बनानी हैं।

Fare and Freight Rates on Fatehpur-Churu Line

*816. **Shri Kunhan:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from Fatehpur Nagrik Sangh, Calcutta, regarding fares and freight charged over Fatehpur-Shekhawati-Churu Section;

(b) if so, the basis on which the rates have been fixed;

(c) whether the rates charged have been inflated; and

(d) if so, the reasons for the same?