

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: Yes, Sir. 13 persons sustained minor injuries. They were attended to immediately and then discharged from the hospital.

Show Rooms at Bombay and Calcutta

*912. **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 565 on the 19th August, 1960 and state the nature of steps taken or proposed to be taken for setting up marine equipment show rooms at Bombay and Calcutta for the benefit of prospective indigenous manufacturers?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): The ship-building Ancillary Industries Committee has since submitted its detailed proposals for setting up a Show Room in Bombay in the first instance and these proposals are under consideration of Government.

Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: May I know whether the financial implications of this scheme have been worked out?

Shri Raj Bahadur: Though I am not in a position to give the exact estimates of the financial implications, I may state that certain broad principles have been worked out, as recommended by the Committee, and they are, firstly, that we should not merely convert the show-rooms into museums; secondly, they should act as advisory bodies for intending entrepreneurs for the particular ancillary industries; thirdly, the technical department of the D.G., Shipping should assist and organise it; lastly, it should be financed by the Government.

Dieselisation of Moghalserai-Saharanpur Section

*913. **Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a scheme for dieselisation of the railway line from Moghalserai to Saharanpur on

the Northern Railway is under the consideration of the Government of India;

(b) if so, details thereof together with the reasons for taking this step;

(c) when is the work, according to the scheme, likely to be begun; and

(d) the economic aspect of dieselisation *vis-a-vis* the existing steam system?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):

(a) Yes, Sir.
(b) It is proposed to dieselise the running of through goods trains on the Moghalserai-Saharanpur Section, with the object of providing increased capacity for movement of goods traffic.

(c) Running of some through goods trains with Diesel locos is expected to commence in the latter half of 1961.

(d) The dieselisation of this section has been decided upon as an operational necessity because the capacity with steam traction would not be adequate for the requirements of increased traffic.

Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri: Will the electrification schemes round Calcutta have priority over the scheme of dieselisation of Moghalserai-Saharanpur section?

The Minister of Railways (Shri Jagjivan Ram): Calcutta will have priority not in dieselisation but in electrification.

Famine in Andhra Pradesh

*914. **Shri Rami Reddy:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Deputy Minister for Agriculture toured the famine affected areas of Rayalaseema Districts in Andhra Pradesh in the months of September and October, 1960;

(b) whether he has submitted any report of his tour;

(c) whether he has suggested any relief measures—immediate and permanent—for relieving the distress of these areas; and

(d) if so, the main recommendations and suggestions made by him?

The Deputy Minister of Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d). Yes, it was suggested to the State Government that in addition to taking advantage of the assistance available from the Government of India on the cost of gratuitous relief for employing labour on construction and repair of roads:

- (i) Minor Irrigation works should be given the first priority as they would create permanent assets and at the same time would provide gainful employment to labour in the country side; and
- (ii) A plan should be prepared for the dry tracts to encourage diversification of agriculture and setting up of processing units for such agricultural commodities as could be produced in the areas.

For meeting the demand of additional minor irrigation schemes in the drought affected areas, an additional allotment of Rs. 1 crore has been made to the State Government.

Shri Rami Reddy: Since that area is stricken by famine frequently, may I know the permanent measures that have been suggested to the State Government? Also, what are the permanent measures that the Minister is going to take?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: We have asked an expert in our Ministry to go into the question and suggest some permanent relief measures in this area by diversification of agriculture and providing other gainful employment to the people there who are entirely dependent on rains. They should also be provided with some work in case the rains fail. In the meanwhile, we

have asked the State Governments also to look into the question and submit us a report.

Shri Rami Reddy: May I know whether the representatives of Cuddapah district in Rayalaseema have urged that the second stage of the Tungabadra High-level canal and the Pulivendala canal as a permanent relief measure to relieve the distress in that area and, if so, the reactions of the hon. Minister?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: When I was in Rayachoti in Cuddapah, Shri Rami Reddy and the chairman of the Zila Parishad have represented to me about the execution of the upper level (second stage) of the Tungabadra canal and the Pulivendala canal to relieve the distress in that area. I have got that representation. It would be a part of the report which our experts will produce.

Shri Rami Reddy: What is the assistance given by the Centre for relieving distress?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: We have given an immediate relief of Rs. 1 crore, which can be utilised for minor irrigation works in that area. We have also arranged for the speedy movement of 50,000 tons of rice to the Andhra Government; in addition, 20,000 tons of wheat will also be given. To that extent, there is no food famine there. Afterwards, rains have come in plenty and people are happy and they do want any relief from us.

Shri Viswanatha Reddy: May I know whether there is almost unanimity of opinion in that area that extension of rural electrification in that area should be given high priority in order to provide irrigation facilities?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: Yes, especially in his constituency. When I had been to Modanapalle the representatives of that area represented that because of the high level of the tract, there is no possibility of major irrigation works; the only possibility is for lift irrigation work and electrification would go a long way in that.

That would be also a part of the proposal which we have in view.

Shri Viswanatha Reddy: May I know if anything is being granted in that direction?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: We have asked the State Government to submit us a scheme and our experts are now going into the problem.

Shri Rami Reddy: Is it not a fact that rural electrification is demanded in Cuddapah, Kurnool, Anantapur and Chittoor for irrigation purposes?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: I said that rural electrification is necessary everywhere in Rayalaseema, but especially in the area Madanapalle, Vayalpad, Punganur and Kelchir, which are, Sir, parts of your constituency. It is an upland where there are no big rivers at all. So, the only alternative is to have lift irrigation from the wells and thereby irrigate the land.

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Mr. Speaker: Because I cannot ask any questions, hereafter whenever any question relating to my district comes, he will answer for my constituency also.

Roads in Assam

*915. **Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is one of the countries which have formed a Regional Transport Organisation to build roads in Assam under the auspices of ECAFE; and

(b) if so, what are the details of this programme?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). The Government of India have no information about the formation of a Regional Transport Organisation for building roads in Assam under the auspices of ECAFE.

C.H.S. Scheme for M.Ps.

*916. **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is great rush on the C.H.S. dispensaries opened for Members of Parliament; and

(b) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken to make adequate arrangements?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: In view of the fact that other persons are also allowed to attend these CHS dispensaries, may I know whether there is any proposal to increase the present staff?

Shri Karmarkar: The load on the present staff as it is in those three dispensaries set up for Members of Parliament does not justify the increase in staff, but it is much less than on an average CHS dispensary.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Dalli-Rajhara-Bhilai Line

*895. **Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Dalli-Rajhara-Bhilai railway line was again disrupted this year during the monsoon;

(b) if so, for how many days the iron-ore trains could not use the lines;

(c) what is the estimated loss suffered by the Railways in freight and in restoring the line for normal use?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Train services were suspended due to subsidence on three different occasions totalling to a period of 97 hours.