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Tuesday, November 15, 1960/

Kartika 24, 1882 (Saka)

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Express Telegrams

*43. **Shri Hem Barua:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the public has experienced considerable delays in receiving express telegrams;

(b) whether it is also a fact that special instructions have been given for the despatch of telegrams relating to safety of human life in accidents or death;

(c) if so, what steps Government have taken to make these beneficial facilities known to public; and

(d) whether Government propose to issue any circular or advertise these special facilities?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Dr. P. Subbarayan): (a) Some complaints are received to this effect.

(b) Provisions for according very high priority to such telegrams exist in the rules.

(c) All the provisions in regard to this facility are published in the P. & T. Guide, the Pocket P. & T. Guide, and the Hindi Tar Nirdeshika, which are meant for the use of the public. 1260(AI)LS—1.

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(d) Yes, through normal publicity efforts.

Shri Hem Barua: May I know whether telegrams relating to human life involved in accidents or death and marked priority get preference over other express and urgent telegrams? If so, is this feature which gives an advantage to the people given wide publicity so that people might take advantage of it?

Dr. P. Subbarayan: As I said, all that is published in the P. & T. Guide. But telegrams are given preference as they are marked express or ordinary. Of course, such telegrams that my hon. friend talks of are given priority when they concern human life.

Shri Hem Barua: It is not known to the people. I doubt if it is known. I also did not know it before this. So what I want to know is whether this particular feature which gives a great advantage to the public has been sufficiently publicised so that people might take advantage of it.

Dr. P. Subbarayan: I will see what can be done to publicise this more.

Pandit D. N. Tiwari: May I know whether complaints have been received by the hon. Minister that even urgent telegrams reach after ordinary letters?

Shri Ranga: That is correct.

Dr. P. Subbarayan: I heard this complaint. We are trying to pull the department up. Unfortunately, the amount of supervision that is available to us is not enough.

Shri Ranga: Is it not a fact? My hon. friend might also have had the

same experience. This is a long-standing complaint running over years. Express telegrams are received much later than ordinary telegrams. People are being compelled to spend more on express telegrams and at the same time get less convenience.

Dr. P. Subbarayan: I am perfectly aware of it. That is why I said that I am trying to get it corrected.

Dr. M. S. Aney: I brought to the notice of the hon. Minister some time ago the case of an express telegram sent by Professor Ranga to me. Has he been able to take it up?

Dr. P. Subbarayan: The hon. Member being an older gentleman than myself I am not inclined to lose my temper as he seems to have done.

Shri Goray: That is his natural voice.

Dr. P. Subbarayan: I do admit that these delays do occur. We are trying to see how we can correct it so that the service is better than what it is today.

Seth Achal Singh: May I know whether it is a fact that the telegraph staff has adopted go-slow tactics after the general strike?

Dr. P. Subbarayan: No, Sir. As a matter of fact, I think we have taken back most of them and I have impressed upon them that they should do their duty better than they did before.

Dr. Vijaya Ananda: May I know whether some express telegrams are not delivered at times?

Mr. Speaker: Next question. Enough questions have been asked.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: I request that Question Nos. 46 and 83 may be taken up along with Question No. 44.

The Deputy Minister of Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa): We have no objection.

खाद्य का उत्पादन

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*४४. { श्री प्रकाश बीर शास्त्री :
श्री गोरे :
श्रीमती इला पालचौधरी :
श्री साधन गन्त :
श्री सुपकार :
श्री हेम बक्ष्या : }

क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या इस वर्ष पिछले वर्षों की अपेक्षा खाद्यान्न का अधिक उत्पादन होने की संभावना है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या इसका प्रभाव खाद्यान्न के मूल्यों पर पड़ा है ?

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

विवरण

(क) १९६०-६१ के खाद्य फसलों के उत्पादन के अनुमान अभी उपलब्ध नहीं हैं । देश के कुछ भागों में प्राकृतिक संकटों द्वारा खरीफ की सफलों को नुकसान होने के बावजूद, हाल के लक्षणों के अनुसार उत्पादन की संभावना सन्तोषजनक है ।

(ख) जी हां । पिछले कुछ सप्ताहों से भाव साधारणतया मुलायम हो गये हैं ।

फसलों की क्षति

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*४६. { श्री राजेन्द्र सिंह :
श्री खुशबख्त राय :
श्री श्रीनारायण दास :
श्री राधा रमण :
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