

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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श्रीमती इला पालचौधरी :
श्री साधन गन्त :
श्री सूपकार :
श्री हेम बरुआ : }

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 ।

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(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 ।

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