

(b) if so, the important features of the programme?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is placed on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 32.]

Indo-Norwegian Project Administration

*503. { Shri V. P. Nayar:
Shri Kodiyam:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued instructions to the Indo-Norwegian Project Administration not to sell the ice manufactured in their ice plant at Neendakaral; and

(b) what is the quantity of fish handled for cold storage in the premises of the above ice plant?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas):

(a) No.

(b) 20,000 lbs.

Forest Research Institute, Dehra Dun

*504. Shri Barman: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the pilot paper in Forest Research Institute, Dehra Dun could not be completed because certain equipments worth \$ 2,10,000 had not yet been received;

(b) the reasons why these equipments were not ordered for at the time when order for the main plant was placed in 1948; and

(c) whether any enquiry has been undertaken to fix the responsibility in this regard, as recommended by the Estimates Committee in their sixth and 52nd reports?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas):

(a) Yes, Sir. There was also delay in getting certain engineering services

from the firm of suppliers without which the special type of basement for the plant could not be built.

(b) and (c). Government have ordered an enquiry into the causes of delay in the erection of the plant and for fixing responsibility for the same.

सरयू नदी पर रेलवे पुल

५०५. श्री पद्म लाल : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि उत्तर प्रदेश के जिला फैजाबाद में भयोध्या और लकड़मंडी के बीच सरयू नदी पर सरकार का एक पुल बनाने का विचार है;

(ख) क्या इस पुल पर रेलवे लाइन बिछाने का कोई विचार है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो उसकी क्या लागत होगी; और

(घ) यह काम कब शुरू होगा ?

रेलवे उपमंत्री (श्री शाहनवाज़ खां)

(क) परिवहन मंत्रालय (Transport Ministry) एक सड़क-पुल (Road Bridge) बनाने का विचार कर रहा है ।

(ख) परिवहन मंत्रालय के कहने पर रेलवे मंत्रालय एक मिलाजुला रेल-सड़क पुल बनाने के सुझाव पर विचार कर रहा है ।

(ग) और (घ) . सवाल नहीं उठता ।

Vamsadhara Project

*506. { Shri Dora:
Shri Sanganna:

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state the stage at which the Vamsadhara Project is at present?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri S. K. Patil): The investigations at Gudari in Orissa upstream of the proposed site at Gotta have been recommended by the Central Water and Power Commission to the

Government of Andhra Pradesh. The Government of Andhra Pradesh have written to the Government of Orissa to give their concurrence to the investigation of the alternative site at Gudari and also permit their officials to enter the Orissa territory for carrying out the surveys.

Janata Express between Calcutta and Bombay

*507. **Shri Supakar:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to run a Janata Express train between Calcutta and Bombay via Nagpur to relieve the congestion of passenger traffic in mail and passenger trains between the two termini; and

(b) if so, when the proposal will materialise?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) and (b). There is no such proposal. However, the two existing passenger trains running between Howrah and Nagpur have been strengthened by two bogies each to provide relief.

Abnormal Features in Weather Conditions

*508. **Shri H. C. Mathur:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether any abnormal features in weather conditions have been noted during the last one year;

(b) if so, whether any investigation has been made in respect of them; and

(c) what are the conclusions from such observations and enquiry?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Turmeric

*509. { **Shri Ball Reddy:**
Shri B. S. Murthy:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the reason for the fall in price of turmeric; and

(b) the position regarding foreign markets for turmeric?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) The fall in prices of turmeric appears to have been caused by a sharp increase in production from 137,502 tons in 1954-55 to 155,660 tons in 1955-56. Internal demand for turmeric being relatively inelastic, a substantial increase in output has resulted in a more than proportionate fall in prices.

(b) Indian turmeric is in increasing demand in foreign markets on the whole. A statement showing the exports of turmeric is laid on the table of the Sabha. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 33.]

Chemical Fertilizers

*510. **Shri S. V. Ramaswamy:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity of chemical fertilizers consumed in 1955-56 as compared to previous two years;

(b) whether there is any method of knowing as to how those have been used in the production of food stuffs and in the production of cash crops; and

(c) what steps have been taken to increase the output of compost and green manures?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 34.]

Hospet-Guntakal Railway Line

*511. **Shri B. S. Murthy:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hospet-Guntakal line and the yard at Guntakal are to be remodelled;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and