

**Shri M. M. Das:** All of them have not been selected. The Russians in their invitation suggested the names of certain persons who wanted to go to Russia. The names are as follows: Dr C. V. Raman, Prof M. S Thacker, Prof. Srimvasan, the then Director of the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, Dr Lahiri, Director of the Fuel Research Institute, and Dr. Naga, presumably Dr. Nagin Chaudhury of the Institute of Nuclear Physics, Calcutta. And out of these, I think only one, Dr Lahiri, Director of the Fuel Research Institute, is going to Russia. For various reasons the other scientists could not be included.

#### Movement of Foodgrains to Bihar

S.N.Q. No. 14.  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Shri P. G. Sen:} \\ \text{Shri A. K. Singh:} \end{array} \right.$

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the foodgrains booked from Visakhapatnam and other places of storage have reached their destination in the scarcity areas of Bihar; and

(b) when were orders for the despatch to Purnia given and when the foodgrains are expected to reach there in view of the growing distress in Bihar?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** (a) A portion of the foodgrains booked has reached the destinations and the balance is in transit

(b) From 1-5-1957 upto 27-5-1957, 57 B.G. wagons were booked from Bombay and Visakhapatnam to Purnia of which 22 wagons were from Bombay 37 M.G. wagons of foodgrains have already reached that station, and intimation has been received from the Civil Authorities that further wagons are not immediately required at Purnia and that further consignments, over and above those in transit, are not for the time being required there.

**Shri P. G. Sen:** Has any priority been given to such consignments?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** Yes, Sir. Top priority is given to the movement of foodgrains to deficit areas.

**Shri P. C. Sen:** May I know the time taken in this transhipment?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** Some of the wagons were booked from Visakhapatnam on 10th May, and as I have stated in my reply they have reached there already, and in fact, the District Supply Officer feels so satisfied with the movement of foodgrains that he says he does not require any more

#### Taxation Proposals

S.N.Q. No. 15. **Shri B. C. Kamble:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only about a week prior to the Minister of Finance placing the taxation proposals before Lok Sabha about 1,65,000 (one lakh and sixty five thousands) tons of sugar was released by Government from factory godowns and that almost the whole quantity of sugar was immediately sold out in about 5 to 6 days;

(b) whether any other commodities which were proposed to be taxed, were released by Government during the period commencing from the discussion of taxation proposals by Government and ending with placing of the proposals before Lok Sabha; and

(c) if so, quantum of each of these commodities?

**The Minister of Finance (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):** (a) Yes, Sir. On the 6th of May, 1,63,558 tons is reported to have been released for sale in the internal market under the provision of the Sugar Control Order. The quantity released bears comparison with the quantities usually released from time to time under this Order. For instance