

the crop of onions has been damaged in Nasik district?

Shri A. P. Jain: No report of any damage there has been received, I believe.

Shri B. K. Galkwad: Are Government aware of the fact that the rabi crop has been damaged due to rust in Bombay State?

Shri A. P. Jain: It may have been to a very small extent. But no damage has been reported by the Bombay Government.

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: May I explain?

It is not necessary or incumbent on the State Governments to report the smallest damage, because they themselves are capable of carrying relief to them. Damage there may have been, but we may not be knowing it, because the State Government may not have reported.

Shri Amjad Ali: In view of the fact that in Assam hailstorms and rains are a continuing process up to which particular date the damages mentioned refer and if so whether later damages by hailstorms have been taken into account in granting relief?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: It relates to all crops and all crop damages. We have tried to ascertain the extent of damage done and so far as my information goes, it refers to all damages.

Flood Control Measures in U.P.

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 Shri Bishwanath Roy +
 Shri Raghunath Singh:
 Shri Panna Lal:
 Shri Masuriya Din:
 Shri Rup Narain:
 Shri Dubliah:
 Shrimati Tarkeshwari
 Sinha:

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government of India has been drawn to the statement of the State Minister for Irrigation, U.P. Shri Rama Murti

at Gorakhpur on 20th May, 1957 to the effect that flood control works in the State have been abandoned owing to lack of funds promised by the Union Ministry of Planning; and

(b) if so, whether Government would enable the State Government of U.P. to complete the works which have been already undertaken?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri S. K. Patil): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of Lok Sabha. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 100.]

Shri Bishwanath Roy: In view of the havoc created by floods during the last two years in many districts, may I know whether the whole question will be reconsidered?

Shri S. K. Patil: That does not arise out of this particular question, but surely, if there is a contingency later we shall be reconsidering that.

Shri Bishwanath Roy: May I know how many out of the measures started in U.P. have been stopped and have not been completed?

Shri S. K. Patil: The question refers to a certain statement made by the Minister and not all these things.

Shri Sinhasan Singh: May I know what particular measures the Government have so far taken or propose to take to avoid a recurrence of floods in the eastern parts of U.P.?

Mr. Speaker: It does not arise. The question refers only to a statement by a Minister.

Tenders for Landing and Delivery of Coal

*681. **Shri Narayanankutty Menon:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether tenders were called for giving contract for landing and delivery of sea-borne coal in the port of Cochin for the year 1957-58;

(b) if so, how many tenders were received;