

(c) Yes. Government has constructed or acquired godowns which are rust-proof and which have damp-proof floors. These are being kept free of insects by scientific methods, as far as possible.

(d) So far such godowns of a total capacity of 3 lakh tons have been constructed or acquired at ten centres.

(e) With the methods of preservation adopted, wheat can be stored for about 2 years and rice for 1 to 2 years.

Resettlement of Farmers on Bhoodan Lands

*1427. **Shri Bishwanath Roy:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme is under consideration of Government for resettlement of farmers on Bhoodan lands; and

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

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) A pilot scheme for settlement of about 250 landless agricultural workers on an area of about 1000 ares of Bhoodan lands in Bihar was sanctioned in June last.

Another proposal from the Bihar Government costing Rs one crore for the resettlement of landless persons on Bhoodan lands in villages where land is held on individual basis is under consideration.

(b) The details are being worked out.

रेलवे गोदाम

*१४२८. श्री प० सा० बाबूपाल : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि बीकानेर डिब्रीजन के जिला गंगा नगर आदि की मुख्य अनाज की भंडियों में रेलवे गोदाम

बिना छत के हैं और इसके फलस्वरूप बर्बाद रखा गया गल्ला बर्षा के पानी से भीम कर सड़ जाता है और इसके कारण किसानों तथा व्यापारियों का भारी नुकसान होता है; और

(ख) बीकानेर डिब्रीजन में ऐसे कितने रेलवे स्टेशन हैं, जहाँ इस प्रकार के गोदामों में अनाज रखा जाता है ?

रेलवे उयमंत्री (श्री साहनबाबू झा) : (क) और (ख). एक बयान सभा पटल पर रख दिया गया है। [बेकिये परिशिष्ट ४, अनुबन्ध संख्या २६]

Rice Exports from Andhra

*1429. **Shri Jinachandran:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that even after the formation of the South Zone rice has been exported from Andhra to Bombay and West Bengal;

(b) if so, the quantity of rice so exported;

(c) whether such export was with the consent of the Government of India;

(d) whether any rice which has reached West Bengal from Andhra has been exported to Pakistan;

(e) if so, the quantity of rice so exported; and

(f) the price of rice now prevailing in Andhra and West Bengal?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir, A quantity of about 5,000 tons rice was moved from Andhra to West Bengal and Bombay under permits. Further movements to these States have been stopped.

(d) and (e). No, Sir; General and vague allegations have been made that rice despatched from Andhra to Calcutta area is ultimately smuggled into

Enquiries made show that these allegations were baseless.

(f) During the week ending 27th August, 1957 the prices of rice prevailing in West Bengal and in Andhra Pradesh for common rice ranged between Rs. 18.94 & Rs. 22.50, and Rs. 21.25 & 23.50 per maund respectively.

Zoological Park in Delhi

*1430. { Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Bhakt Darshan:
Shri Ram Krishan:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the progress made towards the establishment of a zoological park in Delhi?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): A statement is laid on the Table of Lok Sabha. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 30].

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*१४३१. श्री बिजू मिश्र : क्या परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने बिहार के चम्पारन जिले में बन रहे रक्तौल हवाई महु को चालू करने के लिये कोई तिथि निश्चित की है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो वह क्या है ?

परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य-मंत्री (श्री हुमायूँ कबोर) : (क) और (ख). काम अभी ही शुरू किया गया है और इस लिये कोई तारीख मुकर्रर करना मुमकिन नहीं है ।

Trisuli Hydro-Electric Project

*1432. Shri Shree Narayan Das: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether the execution of Trisuli Hydro-electric project undertaken

by the Government of India is being carried on by Central Water and Power Commission or any special agency has been set up;

(b) what is the strength of our Engineers and other technical personnel engaged there;

(c) what is the total expenditure involved and what progress has been made; and

(d) the target fixed for the completion of this project?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) to (d). A division comprising of one Executive Engineer, three Assistant Engineers, and other staff, has been deputed to Nepal for detailed investigations of the scheme. The report of this team is awaited. The estimated cost of project is approximately Rs. 3 crores, but further details are a matter for decision in consultation with the Nepal Government after the detailed investigation report has been examined.

Galbraith Report on Indian Railways

*1433. Shri Sanganna: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No 2111 on the 10th May, 1956 regarding the report of Mr. John Kenneth Galbraith, Professor of Economics, Harvard University, on Railways under the Second Five Year Plan and state:

(a) whether any action has since been taken by Government thereon; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) and (b). A statement giving the views of the Railway Board on the recommendations made by Professor John Kenneth Galbraith is laid on the Table of Lok Sabha. [See Appendix IV annexure No. 31]. It also indicates the action taken on the points raised in his note.