

Shri Jagjivan Ram: As I have said, no check is done by the railways as such. We have under the Red tariff certain instructions which material can be consigned with which material in the wagon or which material of the fire-works cannot be sent in the same wagon. There are detailed instructions. But individual items are not checked by the railways.

Shri Dasappa: Examination showed that in certain packages the contents were full but they were loose, while in the case of certain packages the original crating was broken. Are any precautions taken to see that when these goods are received they are properly packed and the covering also is safe.

Mr. Speaker: There is a two-hour discussion on this subject. If hon. Members go on taking away the time of the House like this I will cut off these two hours. Hon. Members must co-operate with me. I have always been indulgent. Whenever I find that some time has to be given, I have always provided it. I am not going to allow the hon. Member.

Shri Dasappa: I do not want an answer; but it will help the discussion.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Members must try to get through the work.

Comet

*1671. **Shri Raghunath Singh:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state whether it is a fact that a comet was seen in various places in India in the evening of Tuesday, the 20th August, 1957?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Humayun Kabir): Yes, Sir.

श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : क्या इस विषय में कोई साइंटिफिक एन्क्वायरी हुई ?

श्री हुमायूँ कबीर : कामेट को २० अगस्त से २५ अगस्त तक दिल्ली में देखा गया और दूसरी जगहों में भी देखा गया और प्राबन्धवशान किया गया ।

Some hon. Members: The answer may be given in English as well.

Shri Humayun Kabir: I said that the comet was observed in Delhi between the 20th August and 25th August; in India as a whole it was observed for about three weeks starting from the 20th August. At different observatories observations have been taken.

श्री भयान दर्शन : क्या गवर्नमेंट के विशेषज्ञों ने इस बात पर विचार किया है कि चूंकि यह धूमके या पुच्छल तारा पश्चिम दिशा में उदय हुआ और वही प्रस्त भी हो गया, इस लिये भारत पर इसका बुरा प्रभाव नहीं पड़ेगा, बल्कि भारत के पश्चिम के देशों पर पड़ेगा ?

Shri Humayun Kabir: I shall leave the answer to that question to the ingenuity and imagination of the hon. Member himself.

Several hon. Members rose—

Mr. Speaker: If hon. Members have noticed it at various places, why do they ask the Minister?

हिमाचल प्रदेश में आलू की फसल

*१६७३. **श्री पद्म देव :** क्या साक्ष तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात का पता है कि हिमाचल प्रदेश की आलू की फसल, जो कि वहां की प्रमुख नकदी की फसल है, निकट भविष्य में तैयार होने वाली है ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि आलू के निर्यात में किसानों को कठिनाइयों का सामना करना पड़ता है ;

(ग) किसानों को इस संबंध में सहायता देने के लिये क्या सरकार द्वारा कोई कार्यवाही की जा रही है ; और

(घ) यदि हा, तो तो वह क्या है ?