

(e) Is it a fact that on account of excessive demand for eggs this practice is going on since three to four years?

(f) Is it a fact that tortoise eggs are injurious to the health of the general public?

**The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur):** (a) and (e). No definite information in the matter is available.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Tests conducted at the Nutrition Research Laboratories, Coonoor, about hens eggs and at the Bihar Nutrition Laboratory, Patna, about turtles eggs have revealed that there is practically no difference in their food value.

(f) No evil effects resulting from the consumption of tortoise eggs have come to the notice of Government.

**Shri P. T. Chacko:** May I know whether these eggs are regularly supplied to Members of Parliament in the Government hostels?

**Rajkumari Amrit Kaur:** Members ought to know better than I.

सरदार ए० एस० सहगल : क्या मंत्राली महोदया यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगी कि क्या आज कल टोर्टाईड एग्स का इस्तेमाल दिल्ली में काफ़ी हो रहा है और इस के विषय में पत्रों में भी काफ़ी समाचार प्रकाशित हो रहे हैं ?

राजकुमारी अमृत कौर : मैं ने इस सवाल का जवाब दे दिया है । मेरे पास इस बारे में और ज्यादा इन्फार्मेशन नहीं है ।

सरदार ए० एस० सहगल : क्या मैं सरकार से यह प्रार्थना कर सकता हूँ कि वह इस के बारे में पूरी तहकीकात कर के सारी बातें हाउस के सामने रखने की कृपा करें ?

राजकुमारी अमृत कौर : मेरे पास इस सवाल का जवाब यही है कि इस बारे में उनको स्टेट गवर्नमेंट से प्रार्थना करनी चाहिये ।

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** Only hon. Members who take eggs must put supplementaries.

**Shri V. P. Nayar:** The hon. Minister said just now that there was no difference in food value. May I know whether as a result of research conducted in these laboratories, it has been found to have any injurious effect if eggs of chelonian reptiles are used?

**Rajkumari Amrit Kaur:** As far as I am aware, no.

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** We are now only concerned with tortoises.

**Shri Bansal:** If there is no difference in the nutritive value of these eggs, are Government taking any steps to popularise their consumption?

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** Very well. Taste and other things are there. Next question.

#### DOUBLE RAILWAY LINE OVER KRISHNA BRIDGE

\*922. **Shri Gopala Rao:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether Government are contemplating to lay double Railway lines on the Krishna Bridge in view of the congestion in Railway traffic there?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** No, but, in connection with the Five Year Plan, it is proposed to separate the existing, mixed gauge into separate Broad Gauge and Metre Gauge between Kistna Block House and Sitanagaram North Cabin, and widen the railway bridge across the Kistna Western Canal to increase the line capacity.

**Shri Gopala Rao:** Whether the Government are prepared to lay double lines: that was the question. It has not been answered.

**Shri Alagesan:** No.

**Shri Raghavaiah:** Have any representations been made to the Ministry of Railways regarding this, to see that this materialises as early as possible?

**Shri Alagesan:** Yes, Sir. It will be done as early as possible.

**Shri B. S. Murthy:** May I know whether the Minister is aware that there is a great volume of public opinion on this in view of the bottleneck between Bezwada and Tenali?

**Shri Alagesan:** This has been sufficiently discussed during the Budget debate. We are taking all necessary steps.

**Shri Raghavaiah:** May I know whether it is placed in Part I of the Five Year Plan or Part II?

**Shri Alagesan:** It is in Part I of the Five Year Plan.

**RAILWAY STATION FOR ULHAS NAGAR**

\*924. **Shri Gidwani:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the displaced persons staying in Ulhas Nagar (Bombay State) have been making representations for providing two railway stations between Kalyan and Titwala and between Vithalvadi and Ambernath since last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Chief Traffic Manager, Bombay, in his letter No. RCG 1341, dated the 28th December, 1951 had replied to Shri Indur Jeswani to the effect that it had been decided to open a new Flag station at mileage 35-1/8 on the North East section of this Railway as desired by the Government of Bombay;

(c) if so, why there has been delay in opening the same; and

(d) when the stations will be opened at the proposed sites?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) and (b). Yes.

(c) Detailed investigations had to be carried out for locating a station between Kalyan and Titwala. The site originally contemplated had to be changed to suit the proposed layout of the road etc. for the new township, necessitating the preparation of fresh plans.

(d) The work in connection with the provision of a station between Kalyan and Titwala is expected to be completed in another six months. The proposal to open a station between Vithalvadi and Ambernath is, however, still under investigation.

**Shri Gidwani:** How long will it take to complete this station?

**Shri Alagesan:** I have already answered that a station between Kalyan and Titwala will be completed in another six months. The question of opening the other station is still under investigation.

**Shri Gidwani:** Are the Government aware that for three years people have been demanding this and that the Chief Traffic Manager promised that the matter would be expedited?

**Shri Alagesan:** I have already said that representations have been made, but that the location of the station had to be changed because of the change in the lay out of the township. That also accounts for the delay.

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** The question-hour is over.

**Short Notice Question and Answer**

**CLOSING DOWN OF OORGAM GOLD MINES**

**Shri Keshavaiengar:** (a) Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Oorgam Gold Mines employing about 4,000 labourers is likely to be closed down.

(b) Do Government contemplate to appoint a Commission to investigate into this matter.

**The Minister of Labour (Shri V. V. Giri):** (a) Information to this effect has been received.

(b) The question of appointing a Committee is immediate consideration of Government.

**Shri Keshavaiengar:** Does the Government contemplate to take any steps to maintain the *status quo* until a final decision is arrived at?

**Shri V. V. Giri:** That is also a matter that is being considered.

**Shri Nambiar:** May I know whether the Minister can give us a guarantee that till the matter is fully considered, the mines will not be closed?

**Shri V. V. Giri:** I have already stated that matter.

**Shri Punnoose:** May I know the number of workers employed in that mine?

**Shri V. V. Giri:** 3,500 to 4,000.

**Shri Veeraswamy:** What is the reason for the decision to close down that mine?

**Shri V. V. Giri:** It is not economical and it has gone so deep they fear there are accidents all the time.

**Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy:** May I know whether the State Government is looking into this matter and what action the State Government has taken, and whether the labour leaders also were consulted in the matter?

**Shri V. V. Giri:** The State Government has suggested the appointment of a Committee, and we are examining that aspect.

**Shri Nambiar:** What is the estimated amount of gold lost if that mine is closed?

**Shri V. V. Giri:** I have not got the answer for it readily.