

**साख तथा कृषि मंत्री ( श्री किदवाई ) :**

आप की तजवीज प्लैनिंग कमीशन के पास भेज दी जायेगी।

**सेठ गोविन्द दास :** आप की सिफारिश के साथ या बिना किसी सिफारिश के ?

**श्री किदवाई :** बरगर् कोई राय दिये हुए।

**Shri Dabhi:** What is this new method of rice preservation?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** It amounts to boiling the rice, and then treating it in a certain way. There are certain advantages, but there are disadvantages also.

AGRICULTURAL CATTLE BREEDING RESEARCH STATION, JUBBULPORE

\*1077. **Shri Gidwani:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Agricultural Cattle Breeding Research Station at Jubbulpore which was opened in 1947, was closed down in 1951;

(b) whether it is a fact that three thousand acres of land which was acquired for the Research Station, have not been cultivated since 1947;

(c) whether it is a fact that the land could be utilised for purpose of food production by leasing it out to the displaced persons; and

(d) for what purpose the Station was opened?

**The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh):** (a) Yes.

(b) No. a total of 339 acres was cultivated by the Station for producing food and fodder crops and 503 acres of land was leased out to tenants for cultivation of food crops.

(c) When the Station was closed down, the land suitable for food and fodder production was placed at the disposal of the Ministry of Rehabilitation for the settlement of displaced agriculturists.

(d) The Station was started with a view to evolving, by intensive genetical experiments, a general utility type of cattle, with a higher degree of efficiency both as regards work and milk production.

**Shri Gidwani:** Has the land been allotted to the displaced persons?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai):** That question may be put to the Rehabilitation Ministry.

**सेठ गोविन्द दास :** क्या माननीय मंत्री जी को यह बात मालूम है कि जितनी जमीन वहां पर पड़ी हुई है, अर्थात् जबलपुर में, उस का बहुत कम हिस्सा खेती के काम में आ रहा है और शेष के लिये कोई प्रयत्न नहीं हो रहा है कि वह काम में आये ?

**श्री किदवाई :** जो बान सेठ गोविन्द दास ने कही है वह सही है और मुझे अफसोस है कि वहां के काम करने वाले जमीन का इस्तेमाल नहीं जानते।

**सेठ गोविन्द दास :** क्या माननीय मंत्री को यह बात मालूम है कि वहां के कुछ लोग इस जमीन को लेना चाहते थे और इस से वह आशा भी थी कि वहां की पैदावार बढ़ेगी क्योंकि वहां आबापशी हो सकती थी, लेकिन वह जमीन उन लोगों को नहीं दी गई ?

**श्री किदवाई :** यह जमीन बहुत दिनों से खाली थी और अभी थोड़े दिन हुए वह गवर्नमेन्ट के पास आई है। अगर उस के पहले वह लोग काश्त करना चाहते तो उस में कोई रुकावट नहीं थी।

**सेठ गोविन्द दास :** क्या माननीय मंत्री जी को यह बात मालूम है कि पहले जबलपुर वालों में से कई लोगों ने उस जमीन को प्राप्त करने की कोशिश की थी, लेकिन गवर्नमेन्ट की सुस्ती की वजह से वह जमीन खाली पड़ी रही ?

**श्री किदवाई :** मैं मध्य प्रदेश को आप की राय भेज दूंगा कि उन की गवर्नमेन्ट की सुस्ती की वजह से यह जमीन खाली पड़ी रही।

**सेठ गोविन्द दास :** क्या माननीय मंत्री को मालूम है कि मध्य प्रदेश की गवर्नमे

से इस जमीन का कोई सम्बन्ध नहीं है बल्कि केन्द्रीय सरकार मे है ?

**श्री किदवाई :** आजकल होगा, पहले नहीं था ।

**Seth Govind Das rose—**

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** I find the hon. Member is a little too quick for me. Can I allow him all the supplementaries?

**सेठ गोविन्द दास :** इस का सम्बन्ध जबलपुर से है ।

**Shri T. N. Singh:** Is it a fact that the work which this farm was doing was entrusted to some farm in Punjab? If that is so, may I know whether the Punjab farm is actually doing cattle breeding work or only doing dairy work?

**Shri Kidwai:** It is true that that work has been transferred to the farm in Punjab, a question about which was put in this House only last week and replied to. If another question is put, a reply will be given.

**Shri Velayudhan:** May I know, Sir, whether the officer who was responsible for starting this farm in Jubbulpore and then closing it down is now the honorary adviser to the Agricultural Ministry?

**Shri Kidwai:** If hon. Member gives notice, then efforts will be made to find out who originated the idea of starting a farm in Jubbulpore.

**Pandit K. C. Sharma:** What particular factors led to the failure of the cattle breeding station at Jubbulpore?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** This has a long story. Originally it was intended that this station should evolve certain breeds for a double purpose. Then, due to financial stringencies, all the money necessary for these big schemes was not available, and therefore it was that the farm had to be abandoned there, and the cattle taken to Karnal.

**Dr. Suresh Chandra:** How much loss have the Government incurred on this station?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** The total expenditure incurred on the station up to the end of January 1951, from the beginning of 1947 amounted to Rs. 21,31,313.

**सेठ गोविन्द दास :** क्या माननीय मंत्री जी को यह बात मालूम है कि जबलपुर से इस फार्म को हटाने के बाद अब जहां वह रखा गया है वहां भी इस काम में नुकसान हो रहा है, और अगर जबलपुर में वह फार्म रखा जाता तो यह जो नुकसान हो रहा है यह अब तक बन्द हो जाता ?

**श्री किदवाई :** जबलपुर में नुकसान ही नुकसान था । दूसरी जगह पर अगर एक चीज में नुकसान है तो दूसरे काम में कुछ फायदा भी हुआ है ।

**सेठ गोविन्द दास :** क्या माननीय मंत्री जी बतलायेंगे कि दूसरी जगह किस काम में फायदा होता है और जबलपुर में किस तरह सब चीजों में नुकसान होता था ?

**श्री किदवाई :** इस साल चावल ब्रोने में काफी फायदा हुआ है ।

**Shri T. N. Singh:** A year ago, the Government informed us that this farm was transferred, because it was thought fit to do that kind of thing properly elsewhere. Now it is being disclosed that this farm was running at a loss, and therefore it was that the work has actually been abandoned. Today, even the hon. Minister stated that the work was transferred elsewhere. I do not know what to believe and what not.

**Shri Kidwai:** Do not believe anything.

**Shri Kelappan:** May I know the amount realised from this farm during this period?

**Shri Kidwai:** From what farm? We are now talking of two different farms.

**Shri Kelappan:** From the Jubbulpore farm.

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** I have not got the figure. I would require notice.

**Shri Velayudhan:** May I know whether the Government are aware that a large number of cattle from the Jubbulpore farm was sold to a dairy farm owner who is related to that Adviser to the Government of India?

**Shri Kidwai:** I am prepared to accept the complaint from the hon. Member, and I will look into it, if any further details are supplied.

#### STRATEGIC RAILWAYS

\*1078. **Shri K. C. Sodhia:** (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the total length of strategic Railways, zone-wise?

(b) What is the total capital invested on these Railway lines?

(c) What are the factors taken into consideration to class a railway line as strategic?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** (a) 26:87 miles on the Northern Railway only.

(b) Rs. 3.77 crores approximately.

(c) Defence needs of the country.

**Shri K. C. Sodhia:** Are all these strategic lines running at a loss?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** As I have said, there is only one strategic railway. Strategic railways are meant primarily for the defence needs of the country, and not for making any profits.

**Shrimati Renu Chakravartty:** In view of the fact that the hon. Parliamentary Secretary stated that strategic railways are meant for defence purposes, are the railways which run along the border between Pakistan and India also considered as strategic railways?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** No, they are not considered as strategic railways.

**Shri C. R. Narasimhan:** What is the profit and loss account of this strategic railway?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** I want notice.

**Shri M. L. Dwivedi:** If loss be incurred on this railway, will it be defrayed by the Defence Ministry or the Railway Ministry?

**The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri):** This is yet to be decided.

**Shrimati Renu Chakravartty:** What actually is the railway which is regarded as strategic?

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** There is only one railway.

**Shrimati Renu Chakravartty:** Which is that only railway?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** This railway line runs between Mukerian and Pathankot.

#### TRIPARTITE STANDING COMMITTEE OF PLANTATIONS

\*1081. **Shri K. P. Sinha:** (a) Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state whether a meeting was held at Shillong on the 27th February, 1953 of the tripartite Standing Committee of Plantations?

(b) If so, with what result?

(c) What were the subjects discussed in the meeting?

**The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali):** (a) to (c). A special meeting of the Standing Plantations Committee was held at Shillong on the 27th February 1953 which discussed the question of conversion of food-grain concessions in tea gardens into cash payments. There was general agreement at the meeting on the principle of conversion. But no agreement could be reached on the exact quantum of compensation to be paid in lieu of the concessions. However, the difference between industry and labour was considerably narrowed down as a result of the discussions.

**Shri K. P. Sinha:** What was the difference?

**Shri Abid Ali:** The difference was about As. 2½.

**Shrimati Renu Chakravartty:** What actually was the result finally about these cash grain concessions?

**Shri Abid Ali:** No decision could be reached at that conference.

**Shri K. P. Sinha:** Was leave with pay agreed upon?

**Shri Abid Ali:** This item was not included in the agenda of the conference.

**Shri T. K. Chaudhuri:** May I know whether it is a fact that the tea plantation owners wanted to refer the question of cash compensation to their respective principals? If so, have they submitted any reply? Are the Government aware of this?

**Shri Abid Ali:** Yes, Sir. The representatives of the planters wanted to consult their constituents. Subsequently they have written to us that they were not prepared even to accept As. 7½.