

Shri Nambiar: May I know, Sir, whether the workers on strike are going to be given rice at concessional rates at least on Government cost?

Shri Abid Ali: But the strike has now been withdrawn.

DAIRY COMMITTEE

*1085. **Shri K. P. Sinha:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Dairy Committee convened by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research met on the 12th March, 1953 at Poona?

(b) What are the recommendations of this Committee?

(c) Has this Committee or Government formulated any scheme whereby pure milk could be made available for at least the sickly, disabled and infant population of this country?

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

(b) A copy of the recommendations made by this Committee has been placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VII, annexure No. 24.]

(c) No.

Shri K. P. Sinha: Has the Government under contemplation any scheme for the production and supply of pure milk?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: That is not our concern. It is the concern of the States. We do it only by way of experiment.

CUDDALORE NEW TOWN RAILWAY STATION

*1086. **Shri Muniswamy:** (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether the Deputy Minister of Railways has recently visited Cuddalore New Town railway station, in Madras State?

(b) What is the progress of the remodelling work on the said railway station?

(c) When will it be completed?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahawaz Khan): (a) Yes.

(b) and (c): The work has been completed except for the provision of petty fittings. The supply and fixture of these fittings is expected to be completed by April 1953.

Shri Muniswamy: May I know, Sir, when the estimates were sanctioned

and what is the reason for this inordinate delay?

Shri Shahawaz Khan: As I stated, the whole thing will be completed by April 1953.

Shri Nambiar: What was the sanctioned amount and was the full amount utilised? My information is that 8 lakhs.....

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: The hon. Member need not give information. What is the amount spent?

Shri Shahawaz Khan: In 1947, the amount sanctioned was Rs. 7,69,500. Later on in 1949, the estimates were revised and in view of the economy effected in the country, they were Rs. 3,73,500.

Shri Nambiar: May I know what is the reason for such a large difference? An amount of 4 lakhs of rupees.....

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: He said it was due to economy.

Shri Nambiar: May I know, Sir, whether by this economy the station will be a proper one or whether it will be cut?

Shri Shahawaz Khan: As I said, Sir, in view of the economy drive, we had to cut it down. But in March 1950, in addition to Rs. 3,73,000 another sum of Rs. 1,84,000 was sanctioned and it has been taken up in the year 1950-51.

Shri Nambiar: One question more, Sir. This is a very serious thing.....

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: The hon. Member knows that other hon. Members also come from such places.

तेल बाहक जहाज

*१०८८. श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : क्या यथायत मंत्री यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) भारत को कितने तेल बाहक जहाजों की आवश्यकता है ; और

(ख) इस समय भारत के पास कितने तेल बाहक जहाज हैं ?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahawaz Khan): (a) It is estimated that about 25 oil tankers will be required to carry the whole of our imports of petroleum products.

(b) There is no oil tanker on the Indian Registry at present.

श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : कितने दिन के अन्दर हमारे पास ये सब टैंकर हो जावेंगे ? पच्चीस टैंकर की हम को जरूरत है, तो कितने दिनों में ये सब हमारे पास हो जावेंगे ?

श्री शाहनवाज खां : अभी तक तो हमारे पास कोई भी नहीं है और यह मसला मिनिस्ट्री के जेरे गौर है।

Shrimati Renu Chakravarty: May we know if any negotiations are being carried on in order to obtain tankers at the moment?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: Sir, the steering and management of tankers is a very technical job because they have to be carried in ballast and therefore, we have not thought of having our own tankers. But very recently the Cabinet has taken up this question and I hope something will be done about it soon.

Shri Sarangadhar Das: May I know, Sir, if the oil companies that are putting up refineries in Bombay and elsewhere will have their own tankers or the Government will supply the tankers?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: Sir, as it is, they have their own tankers or they hire tankers. That, I presume, will continue to be the arrangement.

मद्रास तथा मलाया के बीच चलने वाले यात्री जहाज

*१०८९. **श्री रघुनाथ सिंह :** क्या यातायात मंत्री यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे :

(क) मद्रास तथा मलाया के बीच चलने वाले यात्री जहाजों की संख्या कितनी है ;

(ख) जहाजों की कमी के कारण क्या यात्रियों को तीन तीन माम तक रुकना पड़ता है ; तथा

(ग) यात्रियों को सुविधा पहुंचाने तथा अत्याधिक भीड़ कम करने के लिए क्या सरकार इस समुद्री मार्ग पर यात्री-पोतों की संस्था बढ़ाने का प्रयत्न कर रही है ?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) The number of passenger ships regularly plying now between Madras and Malaya is two.

(b) Yes, it is reported that passengers at present have to wait for appreciable periods at Madras and Nagapattinam before they can sail for Malaya.

(c) Yes. The question of provision of more ships on this route has been taken up with the shipping companies concerned.

श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : यह जो दो जहाज चलते हैं क्या ये हिन्दुस्तानी जहाज हैं ? ये जहाज किस कम्पनी के जहाज हैं ?

श्री शाहनवाज खां : ये दोनों हिन्दुस्तानी जहाज हैं।

Shri Nambiar: May I know, Sir, whether the passengers who want to go to Malaya from Madras and Nagapattinam are given conveniences or accommodation by the Government at these ports?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: Of course, they are given.

Shri Nambiar: May I know, Sir, whether the Government have got complaints against the want of accommodation in these two places in view of the fact that there is inordinate delay in the ships coming?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: Sir, Government are aware of the fact that lots of passengers who want to go to Malaya have not been able to go due to shortage of accommodation in the ships and the Government have called upon these companies to make arrangements to clear up the rush.

Shri V. P. Nayar: Are Government aware that very large numbers of people from Travancore-Cochin State go to Madras for going to Malaya? May I know whether Government are also aware that they are detained there because of lack of facilities?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: That is what was said. There are not sufficient ships for the passengers.

Shri V. P. Nayar: That is not the point. There are difficulties in booking tickets also at Madras.

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): We will look into that matter. We are not aware of it.