

जहां यहां पर अब तक यह गयी है वहां पर यह इतने थोड़े समय तक ठहरी है कि लोग उस को देख नहीं पाए हैं और बहुत भीड़ हुई है और लोगों को बहुत दिक्कत उठानी पड़ी है ?

रेल तथा यातायात मंत्री (श्री एल० बी० शास्त्री) : जी, हां यह बात सही है कि दो एग्जीबीशन ट्रेन्स, एक मीटर गेज और एक ब्राड गेज, दोनों मुल्क के अलग अलग हिस्सों में जा रही है। उन के लिये कुछ जगहों पर, खास तौर पर मध्य प्रदेश में बहुत ज्यादा भीड़ हुई है। नागपुर से हमारे पास यह खबर आई कि एग्जीबीशन वहां तीन रोज रुकने के बजाय चार रोज और रोकनी जाय। तो रोकने की मांग बहुत ज्यादा है। हमारे लिये मुश्किल है कि हम सब मांगों को पूरा कर सकें। फिर भी हम ने वक्त बढ़ा दिया है और जहां जरूरत ज्यादा होगी वहां उस को कुछ और ठहराने की कोशिश करेंगे।

**Shri A. M. Thomas:** Sir, may I know whether the semi-permanent sheds are going to be utilised for any other exhibition, and, if so, for what?

**Shri L. B. Shastri:** They will be utilised for the Housing Exhibition which is being held soon.

#### TRADE AGREEMENT WITH RUSSIA

\*263. **Shri K. P. Sinha:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government of India requested the Government of U.S.S.R. to enter into a long term trade agreement with a clear assurance that India would purchase Russian wheat at least for five years?

(b) Have the Government of U.S.S.R. accepted the request of the Government of India?

(c) If so, on what terms?

**The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnapā):** (a) Yes Sir. In March, 1953 a proposal was made by us that the two Governments might enter into barter agreement for the supply of Russian wheat against Indian commodities; and that the barter may be for a period of three years.

(b) No reply has so far been received to this proposal.

(c) Does not arise.

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri (Kidwai):** Sir, may I add for the information of the House that yesterday we received an acceptance by Russia and negotiations are in progress.

**Shri K. P. Sinha:** May I know whether this will be on the barter system?

**Shri Kidwai:** Yes, it will be on the barter system.

**Shri Nanadas:** May I know what are the articles that the USSR require on barter?

**Shri Kidwai:** As I said, the acceptance was conveyed to us only yesterday. Our officers will meet and discuss all these things.

#### ROBBERY ON MAILANI-GOURIPHANTA LINE

\*264. **Sardar A. S. Saigal:** (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether it is a fact that on the Mailani-Gouriphanta branch line, a cashier was robbed of about Rs. 22,000/- on the 23rd May, 1953?

(b) How many persons detained and started firing?

(c) Were the R.P.P. men there when the firing took place?

(d) Has the investigation started by the Railway police and, if so, with what result?

(e) How was the train stopped?

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