

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.

(b) Four persons detained from the train after it was stopped and one of them fired a shot in the air.

(c) No.

(d) Yes; the investigation is in progress.

(e) By certain obstructions placed across the railway line.

सरदार ए० एस० सहगल : इस तरह की चोरी इस लाइन में कितनी बार हुई है ?

श्री शाहनवाज खाँ : मेरी जान में एक बार हुई है ।

EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGES

*265. **Shri Jhulan Sinha:** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state:

(a) whether the committee appointed for examining the working of the Employment Exchanges and also for reporting about its future has submitted its report; and

(b) if so, the salient features of the recommendations thereof?

The Minister of Labour (Shri V. V. Giri): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

I may, however, add for the information of the hon. Members that the Committee was constituted in November 1952. Owing to the absence of the Chairman on deputation abroad and his subsequent illness, the Committee met only in February 1953. After the first meeting on the 9th February, 1953, the questionnaire was issued. Replies have been received from all State Governments and a large majority of others who were addressed. The Committee held its second meeting on the 10th April 1953. They visited Kanpur and Calcutta during April 1953 and recorded evidence. The Chairman of the Committee had to leave for Europe again under medical advice. The Committee expects to resume its work after the Chairman returns and

hopes to complete its work before the end of 1953.

Shri Jhulan Sinha: May I know how long the Committee will take to submit its report?

Shri V. V. Giri: I have mentioned all these points in my supplementary reply.

Shri Frank Anthony: Is the Government contemplating extending these Employment Exchanges to the rural areas?

Shri V. V. Giri: We would take up the whole matter after the receipt of the report.

Shri Nanadas: In view of the fact that ever since the inception the Chairman has been absent, has the Government any proposal to appoint another Chairman in his place?

Shri V. V. Giri: The Chairman will return back soon.

Shrimati Renu Chakravartty: In view of the seriousness of the crisis of unemployment, will the Committee be asked to give its report within a short time?

Shri V. V. Giri: Of course.

Shrimati Renu Chakravartty: Within what period?

Shri V. V. Giri: I cannot say immediately but I do hope that by the end of 1953 the report will be ready.

Shri M. R. Krishna: May I know whether there are Mobile Employment Exchanges which could register and issue introductory cards to rural people.

Shri V. V. Giri: No, the question does not arise.

Shri Nanadas: May I know whether it is to abolish these Employment Exchanges or to continue their services that the Committee has been appointed to report?

Shri V. V. Giri: The Committee will go into all these matters.