

ing sulphate of ammonia fertilizer, and whether it is sufficient, considering the fact that during monsoons the offtake will be considerably decreased?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** It would be for the Production Ministry to reply to this, but I have known that they have been able to store something like 70,000 tons.

**Shri Gidwani:** Is it a fact that the Pakistan Government took delivery of 18,000 tons for East Pakistan, and have they paid for it?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** I have not got any information, but the first part of the question is probably correct.

**Shri Velayudhan:** How many of the States that have indented have taken their quota by this time?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** Yes most of them. We had to exercise some pressure to move them quickly.

**Shri N. M. Lingam:** May I know, Sir, whether in view of the slow offtake of ammonium sulphate from Sindri, Government propose to maintain the present tempo of output of this fertilizer?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** The offtake has increased considerably, and there is ample scope both under the Plan and according to our ideas of asking farmers to use larger quantities of fertilizers.

**Shri L. N. Mishra:** May I know whether the barter system of distributing fertilizers has been introduced in any of the States?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** There is no need to introduce the barter system because we can give the fertilizer cheaper than one maund of rice. That was my calculation in the beginning but we reduced the price to a considerable extent by which the barter would not be very profitable to the farmers. They can pay the price which is lesser than the price they will get for a maund of rice.

**Shri Nageshwar Prasad Sinha:** May I know if there is a prejudice among the cultivators that the continued use of these fertilizers will totally spoil their land, and if so, whether Government have done anything to dispel their prejudice?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** There are some out-of-date experts who now and again write articles in the press condemning the use of fertilizers and saying as if we are pressing the use of fertilizers indiscriminately. We are trying our best to remove that prejudice.

**Shri S. N. Das:** May I know whether various State Governments have been asked to submit reports, or whether they have submitted reports, as to the extent of fertilizers that has been handed over to the agriculturists, and has been used by them?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** All our efforts are directed to take the fertilizers to the door of the peasant, and we are doing our best to do so.

#### RAILWAY TICKETS

\*412. **Shri Nageshwar Prasad Sinha:** (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether the railway booking offices have any instructions to keep in view the maximum sitting accommodation while issuing tickets for a particular train?

(b) Are Satabdi tickets or "travel as you like" tickets going to be introduced as a permanent feature during festivals and *melas*?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan):** (a) In the case of train originating stations, which are generally large cities and where booking offices are kept open for all the 24 hours and tickets are not issued for any particular train, it is not possible to issue tickets keeping in view the maximum sitting accommodation. In case of intermediate stations, the Guards of trains and other railway officials have administrative instructions to inform the stations ahead that particular trains

are running crowded and to warn passengers when trains run badly overcrowded; some Railways also regulate the issue of tickets from intermediate stations.

(b) No, Sir.

**सेठ गोविन्द दास :** क्या माननीय मंत्री जी को यह मालूम है कि जिस समय शताब्दी टिकट और इसी प्रकार के दूसरे टिकट दिये गये थे, उस वक्त रेलों में बहुत अधिक भीड़ हो गयी थी और भविष्य में ऐसे मौकों पर क्या इस बात का ध्यान रखा जायगा कि जब इस तरह के टिकट दिये जायं, उस समय गाड़ियों में ज्यादा बोगीज़ लगायी जायं ?

**श्री शाहनवाज़ खां :** गवर्नमेंट कोई शताब्दी टिकट देने का इरादा नहीं रखती ।

**Shri N. Sreekanth Nair:** Are the Government aware that this system of controlling the issue of tickets at intermediate stations leads to corruption, bribery and travel without tickets as has been experienced by my own self, a Member of this House; when I was not issued a ticket from Calicut, I had to travel without a ticket, because others had obtained tickets from the blackmarket?

**Shri S. S. More:** On a point of order, Sir.

**सेठ गोविन्द दास :** क्या मेलों के वक्त . . .

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** When a point of order is raised...

**Shri S. S. More:** One hon. Member has confessed to have committed the offence. Can it be a basis for a prosecution?

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** All these questions are hypothetical.

**सेठ गोविन्द दास :** क्या मेलों के वक्त इस बात का ख्याल रखा जायगा कि कुछ अतिरिक्त बोगियां गाड़ियों में लगायी जायं जिससे कि भीड़ न हो ?

**रेल तथा परिवहन मंत्री (श्री एल० बी० शास्त्री) :** महज़ बोगियां ही नहीं लगायी जातीं, बल्कि नई नई गाड़ियां और स्पेशल ट्रेन्स चलायी जाती हैं ।

**Seth Govind Das rose—**

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** Unless I call an hon. Member he ought not to put a question.

**श्री एम० एल० द्विवेदी :** सेठ गोविन्द दास जी के प्रश्न के उत्तर में जो आपने बतलाया, तो क्या जोनल टिकट भी नहीं इशु किये जायंगे और क्या इस बात का ध्यान रखा जायगा कि भीड़ के वक्त गाड़ियों में और ज्यादा डिब्बे जोड़े जायं ?

**श्री एल० बी० शास्त्री :** अगर माननीय मेम्बर यह चाहते हैं कि भीड़ भी न हो और जोनल टिकट भी मिलें तो यह ज़रा मुश्किल सी बात है । हमने इस बार भी इस बात का ख्याल रखा और नई बोगीज़ वर्ग रह लगायीं, लेकिन फिर भी हमारी कोचेज़ इतनी काफ़ी नहीं हैं कि भीड़ को बचा सकें । इस लिये कुछ तो भीड़ को सहन करना ही पड़ेगा ।

**सेठ अब्दुलसिद्दिक :** क्या माननीय मंत्री को मालूम है कि मेलों के अवसर पर लोग बोगीज़ की छतों पर सफर करते हैं जिसकी वजह से गिरने का खतरा रहता है ।

**श्री शाहनवाज़ खां :** कहीं कहीं ऐसा होता है लेकिन गवर्नमेंट की कोशिश यही रहती है कि ऐसा न हो ।

**Shri Barman:** May I know which are the parts of the country from which Government have received reports of withholding selling of tickets due to overcrowding in previous stations?

**Shri Shah Nawaz Khan:** We have not received any information.

**Shri Nagেশ्वर Prasad Sinha:** May I know if Government propose to draw

up a specific legislation or any rule providing check against undue overloading and overcrowding, like the motor vehicle rules?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** That is not possible, Sir, but the guards of trains which are very heavily overcrowded have instructions to give advance information to stations ahead so that more tickets are not issued.

**Shrimati A. Kale:** May I know if the Government is contemplating to have bigger compartments for women in view of the fact that they have taken to travel now?

**Shri Alagesan:** They are not generally overcrowded, Sir.

**Shri Raghavaiah:** In view of the increasing interest of the travelling public to see the magnificent achievements of this Government.....

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** Why all this preamble? He must ask a question to elicit an answer.

**Shri Raghavaiah:** Will the Government consider the question of issuing *Satabdi* tickets and on all such occasions, will Government see that passengers do not suffer because of the issue of *Satabdi* tickets?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** Even when the present *Satabdi* tickets were issued, every attempt was made to have new bogies attached, and also to run special trains, but in spite of it in some places there was overcrowding. That could not be helped.

**Shri N. Sreekantan Nair:** Do the Government intend, in case of overcrowding of traffic from important stations, to attach special bogies to trains rather than allow the passengers to suffer?

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** These are all suggestions for action.

**Several Hon. Members rose—**

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** This is a matter in which every one of us is interested. I cannot allow every one to put a question.

**Shri Boovaraghasamy:** Are the Government aware that in the Grand Trunk Express, reserved and non-reserved ticket holders are allowed to sit in one compartment, and if so, what is the meaning of reserving tickets?

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** The question will not be taken up.

**Shri Boovaraghasamy:** This is a very important question, Sir.

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** Next question.

#### MECHANISATION OF POST AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT

**\*413. Shri Nageshwar Prasad Sinha:** (a) Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state who are the two experts whose services have been obtained under the Colombo Plan to advise on the mechanisation of the Post and Telegraph Department?

(b) What are their technical attainments and previous experiences?

(c) What results have been achieved in respect of mechanisation by their expert advice?

**The Minister of Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram):** (a) The two experts are officers of the British Post Office. They are Mr. Peter Ellis Crawshaw Smith, Assistant Staff Engineer and Mr. Frank Wyatt Guenier, M.B.E. Assistant Postal Controller, Class I.

(b) Mr. Guenier is a specialist in postal traffic. He studies the ebb and flow of traffic and finds out if mechanisation will be justified in any particular case. Mr. Smith is an engineer who has specialised in the engineering aspects of mechanical devices and also in designing them. Both are well versed in, and are in charge of, the mechanised postal system in the British Post Office.

(c) They have studied the traffic trends, the peak hours of load, the configuration of buildings etc. at Delhi/New Delhi, Kanpur, Lucknow and Calcutta and drew up their recommendations. These recommenda-