

into this question and we shall constitute the committees as per their recommendations.

**Shri Gidwani:** May I know, Sir, whether the Government is appointing these welfare committees in all the ports or only in a few ports?

**Shri Alagesan:** In the ports of Madras, Bombay and Calcutta.

#### CONDITION OF JUTE INDUSTRY

\*688. **Shri L. N. Mishra:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Expert Committee appointed to enquire into the production of jute has submitted its report;

(b) if so, its findings and recommendations;

(c) whether prices offered for raw jute in our country during the last three months have been economic for the growers; and

(d) if so, the prices ruling in the jute markets of Bihar and Bengal?

**The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh):** (a) Not yet.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) During the last three months the jute prices ruled below normal parity, as compared to prices of rice.

(d) Statements showing some typical prices ruling in the Calcutta market as well as in the mofussil markets in Bihar and West Bengal are laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 60]

**Shri L. N. Mishra:** May I know the personnel of the committee and terms of reference?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** It is only about four or five members and they were asked to report on the measures to improve the quality of jute.

**Shri L. N. Mishra:** Will this committee enquire into the cost of production of jute?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** That question is being considered by the Indian Central Jute Committee.

**Shri L. N. Mishra:** May I know whether there is any co-ordination between this committee and the committee recently appointed by the Commerce and Industry Ministry?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** So far as I know, the purposes of the two committees are rather different.

**Shri M. R. Krishna:** Q. No. 687 is not being taken up.

**Mr. Chairman:** This question was called but hon. Member did not respond. I will call him again when he can put the question.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** May I know whether the Food and Agriculture Ministry was consulted in the appointment of another expert committee about jute by the Commerce and Industry Ministry?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** I do not think, Sir, any question of consultation arises because the purpose was quite different from what the Ministry of Food and Agriculture aims at.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** Is it in the notice of the Agriculture Ministry that the expert committee appointed by the Commerce and Industry Ministry is composed of persons who are not in the know of Jute cultivation in India?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** I would request the hon. Member to address the question to the Minister concerned.

#### MANUFACTURE OF BOILERS AND LOCOMOTIVES IN TATAS

\*687. **Shri M. R. Krishna:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government of India are going to take over from the Tata Engineering and Locomotive Company the manufacture of boilers and locomotives and propose to run it as a State-owned industry?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** The recommendation of the Public Ac-

counts' Committee that Government should consider the advisability of their taking over from Telco the manufacture of boilers and locomotives and running it as a State-owned industry is still under examination.

**Shri M. R. Krishna:** May I know the total number of boilers required for the country and how many of these boilers are manufactured by private companies and how many of them are manufactured by Governmental companies?

**Mr. Chairman:** The question is far removed from the proper scope of a supplementary question.

#### RADIO TELEPRINTERS

\*690. **Shri Heda:** (a) Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state the stations that are directly connected by the Radio Teleprinter channels at present?

(b) What other stations will be connected in the near future?

(c) Are there any private lines that connect their own teleprinters?

**The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) There is only one radio teleprinter channel at present in India. This connects the airports at Safdarjung (Delhi) and Dum Dum (Calcutta).

(b) Santa Cruz (Bombay) airport will be connected with Dum Dum airport by radio teleprinter channel in the near future.

(c) Nil.

**Sardar A. S. Saigal:** May I know what is the future planning of the radio teleprinter channel?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** That depends upon the availability of finances. I may inform the House that in the meeting held in Melbourne last January it was recommended that we should introduce the system of radio teleprinters to connect all international ports in the country. These recommendations are under consideration.

**सरदार ए० एस० सहगल:** यह सिस्टम कहां से लिया गया क्या यह बता सकेंगे ?

**श्री राज बहादुर :** कहां से लेने से आपका क्या मतलब है ?

**सरदार ए० एस० सहगल :** किस जगह से ?

**श्री राज बहादुर :** अगर माननीय सदस्य का अर्थ इस बात से है कि हमने कहां से इसको प्राप्त किया, तो मैं उनकी जानकारी के लिए निवेदन करूंगा हमें यह एक डिसपोजल स्टाक से मिल गया था वह लगा दिया है। बाकी अगर हम इसमें इजाफा करेंगे तो हमको बाहर से मंगाने पड़ेंगे।

**सेठ गोविन्द दास :** मामूली टैलीप्रिटर लगाने में जो कि इस समय भारतवर्ष में कार्य कर रहे हैं, और इसके लगाने के खर्च में कितना फर्क आता है, क्या इसका तखमीना सरकार ने किया है ?

**श्री राज बहादुर :** मैं ने निवेदन किया कि यह रेडियो टैलीप्रिटर है, मामूली टैलीप्रिटर नहीं है। इसको हमने डिसपोजल स्टाक से लिया था और यह सिर्फ हवाई जहाजों के यातायात की सुविधा के लिए है और इस वक्त सफदरजंग, दिल्ली और दमदम, कलकत्ते, को मिलाता है।

**सेठ गोविन्द दास :** मैं ने पूछा था कि मामूली टैलीप्रिटर के लगाने में और इसके लगाने में खर्च में कितना फर्क आता है। क्या इसका कोई तखमीना किया गया है ?

**श्री राज बहादुर :** मैं समझता हूँ कि चूँकि इस में ओवर लाइनिंग के लिए तार कम लगाने पड़ते हैं इसलिए इसके इक्विपमेंट की ज्यादा कास्ट होगी और जैसे इस्तीमाल की कास्ट उसके मुकाबले में कम होगी।