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HOUSE OF THE PEOPLE

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The House met at Half Past One of the Clock

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

RELIEF FOR INVOLUNTARY UNEMPLOYMENT

*32. **Shri Heda:** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to refer to the reply given to starred question No. 1269 asked on the 14th September, 1953 and state:

(a) whether the examination of the proposals submitted to the Planning Commission by the Ministry of Labour providing for relief for involuntary unemployment has since been concluded; and

(b) if so, what decisions the Planning Commission have taken in this regard?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) and (b). I would invite the attention of the hon. Member to the Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Ordinance, 1953, promulgated on the 24th October 1953, which includes provision for the payment by the employer of compensation to his workmen laid-off. A copy of the Ordinance has already been placed on the Table of the House.

Shri S. C. Samanta: With reference to this unemployment question may I know whether the Directors of Employment Exchanges have been associated
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with the Community Projects in the country?

Shri Abid Ali: I do not know, Sir, how this supplementary arises.

Mr. Speaker: There does not seem to be any connection with that.

डा० युगल किशोर सिन्हा : जो पहले से बेकार लोग हैं उन के सम्बन्ध में सरकार ने क्या इन्तजाम किया है ? अब जो लोग बेकार किये जायेंगे उन के लिये आर्डिनेन्स में प्रावीजन किया गया है। लेकिन जो लोग अभी बेकार हैं या बेकार कर दिये गये हैं, उन लोगों के लिये आर्डिनेन्स में कोई प्रावीजन नहीं है। उस सम्बन्ध में सरकार क्या कर रही है ?

श्री आबिद अली: जी, हां, यह सही है कि जिस तारीख से आर्डिनेन्स अमल में आया है उस के बाद से जो लोग ले आफ किये जायेंगे उन के लिये आर्डिनेन्स में प्रावीजन किया गया है उन्हीं से इस आर्डिनेन्स का सम्बन्ध है।

डा० युगल किशोर सिन्हा : इसीलिये मैं ने सवाल किया कि सरकार ने उन लोगों के सम्बन्ध में क्या किया ?

Mr. Speaker: The question is very clear. He probably does not know about it.

ANN APOORNA DINING CARS

*33. **Sardar Hukam Singh:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether *Annapoorna* dining car attached to the Delhi-Madras

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Janta Express will be a regular feature or it was done only by way of experiment; and

(b) whether it is contemplated to attach *Annapoorna* cars to trains which normally have dining cars attached to them?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) This is only an experiment.

(b) No, Sir.

Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy: May I know whether the experiment proved a failure or a success?

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. That will be a matter of opinion.

सेठ गोविन्द दास : यह तजुर्बा किन किन लाइन्स पर किया जा रहा है ? क्या एक ही लाइन पर किया जा रहा है या और भी कहीं किया जा रहा है ?

श्री अलमेशन : एक ही लाइन पर अभी किया जा रहा है ।

Shri Nanadas: May I know the number of *Annapoorna* dining cars that are available in the Indian Railways?

Shri Alagesan: Only one was built and it is being used now.

RESEARCH ON RICE FUNGUS DISEASE

*34. **Sardar Hukam Singh:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large scale field research in rice-growing areas in India on the problem of controlling fungus diseases is now being conducted by a British firm;

(b) if so, whether this firm has submitted any report; and

(c) whether statistics are available regarding the loss to crops every year due to these diseases?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) Yes; the experiments are being conducted at a number of centres in India including the Cen-

tral Rice Research Institute, at the instance of the Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd.

(b) The experiments are in progress. The firm has not submitted any report so far.

(c) The disease appears every year in a mild form except that in 1918 in the delta of Godavari and Kistna and in 1942-43 in Bengal almost total destruction of crop was caused by the disease.

Sardar Hukam Singh: May I know how many teams are engaged just at present in various centres for this research?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I want notice.

Sardar Hukam Singh: What are the centres, except the one mentioned just now, which have been selected for this purpose?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I would like to have notice for that also because this is done by a private firm and we have allowed it only as regards the Rice Research Institute. As regards the others I have no information.

Sardar Hukam Singh: May I know whether any Indians have been sent to London and whether they are studying this crop protection work?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I have no information.

Shri B. K. Das: May I know whether any Government expense is involved in this?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: No, Sir.

Shri B. S. Murthy: May I know whether any team is engaged in East and West Godavari Districts in order to combat this fungus?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: Not in the delta itself; the research is done elsewhere.

TELEGRAPH CENTENARY EXHIBITION

*35. **Sardar Hukam Singh:** (a) Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state whether a special telegraph service called "Send your