

way Ministry had recommended this to the Finance Ministry. May I know whether the case is pending with the Finance Ministry or with the Railway Ministry?

Shri Alagesan: As I said, it is not only the staff of the railway that are affected. The staff of other Central Government departments are also there. So a decision has to be taken in consultation with all the employing departments.

Mr. Speaker: His point is that there seems to be some block at the Finance Ministry.

Shri Alagesan: The Railways have recommended. But the Finance Ministry is the chief Ministry that has to guide us in this matter.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: May I know whether, if and when a decision is arrived at, it will be done with retrospective effect, i.e. from the date the recommendations came into effect?

Shri Alagesan: At this stage, I am not able to answer the question.

Shri B. S. Murthy: How long will it take for the Government to decide upon this?

Mr. Speaker: That depends upon the Finance Ministry. Next question.

DESPATCH OF ARTICLES FROM MANIPUR

*1364. **Shri Rishang Keishing:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether it is a fact that due to the dislocation of railway line in Assam by the recent floods, all articles including mail bags from and to Manipur are to be carried by plane?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): A statement furnishing the information is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VIII, annexure No. 51.]

Shri Rishang Keishing: The statement is a negative answer to my question. Am I to understand that the recent floods have not in any way

affected the movement of goods to and from Manipur, and the prices of articles remain unaffected?

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan: The answer is exactly in relationship to the question asked. There is a lot of difference that has been created by these floods. About 37 maunds of mail bags are being airlifted by plane. But there is a difference of about 2,000 maunds of goods which should normally have been transported, but due to the floods, are not being transported.

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*१३६५. श्री जी० एल० चौबरी :
क्या स्वास्थ्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली इन्सूवर्मेंट ट्रस्ट द्वारा अमृतकौरपुरी के लगभग ८०० हरिजन मकानों से निकाले जा रहे हैं; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो वे लोग वहां पर कितने समय से रहते हैं ?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

POPULARISATION OF "FISH MEAL"

*1366. **Shri Sanganna:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India were represented at the conference of Food and Agriculture Organisation held at Hongkong recently; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken on the recommendations of the Conference?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) No conference was held.

(b) Does not arise.