

Mr. Speaker: I think he is carrying on an argument.

Shri Kidwai: I have not got sufficient information about Ranaghat.

Mr. Speaker: I think it has been sufficiently discussed. We have taken about ten minutes for this one question.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

VISIT OF MR. NORRIS DODD

*525. **Shri Barman:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the places and projects visited by Mr. Norris Dodd in March, 1952?

(b) Has he submitted any report?

(c) What are his views regarding Agricultural development projects in India?

(d) What are the technical and monetary aids given to India by F.A.O. in 1952?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 26.]

(b) and (c). Mr. Dodd has not sent us any reports on his visits to various places and projects but he did send a letter in which he made the point that the development of our extension projects will go a long way to solve the problem of increasing production.

(d) The technical assistance under the Expanded Technical Assistance programme of the F.A.O. is limited to the (i) assignment of experts (ii) award of training fellowships and (iii) supply of equipment for demonstration purposes, and we obtained two veterinarians, one fishery expert and one farm machinery specialist from them in 1952.

CONSTRUCTION OF HYDERABAD-NAGPUR ROAD

*529. **Shri G. S. Bharati:** (a) Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state whether Government propose to connect Hyderabad with Nagpur by a direct road connection?

(b) Do Government propose to undertake the construction of the Road, and if so, when?

(c) Do Government propose to incur expenditure on this road out of the Road Fund?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): (a) Yes.

(b) Yes. The work has already commenced.

(c) Expenditure on this road is proposed from the capital grant voted by this House for the construction of National Highways and not from the Central Road Fund.

FACILITIES TO 3RD CLASS PASSENGERS

*530. **Pandit M. B. Bhargava:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) how many trains still remain to be provided with the fans in 3rd class compartments and by which date they are likely to be so fitted;

(b) what other facilities were afforded to the 3rd class passengers during the year 1951-52; and

(c) what was the amount spent on these facilities?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): (a) About 2000 carriages have yet to be fitted with fans in third class. It is not possible to give a definite date for completion of this work. Railways have been instructed to complete the work as soon as possible.

(b) For details of other facilities provided for third class passengers during the year 1951-52 a reference is invited to the pamphlet

"Towards Better Conditions of Travel"

circulated to all Members of the House.

(c) Approximately Rs. 3 crores was spent on passenger amenities during 1951-52. This was exclusive of a sum of about 3 crores being the cost of improved facilities provided in new rolling stock.

IMPORT OF FOODGRAINS FROM PAKISTAN

*531. **Shri N. P. Sinha:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether rice or wheat or both had been imported into India from Pakistan during the financial year 1951-52?

(b) If so, what quantity of each was imported and at what price?