

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. It is a question based on inference.

Shri Nambiar: Are the Government aware that hundreds of bags of paddy and rice are being delayed in the platforms of Tanjore which are intended for Rayalaseema, due to wagon shortage?

Shri Satish Chandra: I have no information on the point. I can only say that the movement of foodgrains is given high priority.

Shri Esvara Reddy: May I know whether Government are aware of the fact that even now priority facilities are not being given for transport of grain and fodder?

Mr. Speaker: He means to say to Rayalaseema?

Shri Satish Chandra: Sir, it is the repetition of the same question in one form or the other. My information is that food-grains and fodder are being cleared.

OVER-BRIDGE NEAR AMRAVATI RAILWAY STATION

*829. **Shri K. G. Deshmukh:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether an enquiry was made regarding the construction of over-bridge on the railway lines near Amravati railway station on Central Railway;

(b) if so, what was the report of the enquiry; and

(c) whether there is any provision for constructing the said bridge in the scheme of reconstruction of the railway station building, which is under construction at present?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister (Shri Satish Chandra):

(a) and (b). An enquiry was made from the Madhya Pradesh State Government, who have agreed to bear their share of the cost of constructing a road over-bridge at Amravati, but have allotted it the fourth place in their list of priorities for the replacement of level crossings by road over-bridges.

(c) No.

Shri K. G. Deshmukh: Is there any time limit fixed for the construction?

Shri Satish Chandra: There can be no time limit. As soon as the three over-bridges have been completed, this fourth one will be considered.

Shri K. G. Deshmukh: Is there provision for it this year?

Shri Satish Chandra: There is perhaps, no provision this year.

GHEE AND Vanaspati

*830. **Shri Jhulan Sinha:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the comparative figures of annual consumption of ghee and vanaspati in India; and

(b) the comparative figures of annual requirement of ghee and edible oils per capita per day?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar): (a) Quantities available for annual consumption are estimated at about 4 lakh tons of ghee and 1.7 lakh tons of vanaspati.

(b) The meaning of annual requirement per capita per day is not clear. According to the Nutrition Advisory Committee the share of vegetable oil, ghee, etc., in a balanced diet should be 2 oz. per consumption unit per day.

Shri Jhulan Sinha: May I know, Sir, if the total production of ghee and Vanaspati in the country is equal to the requirements of ghee as given in the formula?

Shri Karmarkar: The production of Vanaspati as judged by the reports from the markets appears to be fairly good, but regarding ghee, there is a shortage.

सेठ गोविन्द दास : क्या माननीय मंत्री जी को यह बात मालूम है कि घी की जितनी यहां आवश्यकता है और जो सूचना अभी माननीय मंत्री जी ने यहां बतलाई उस के अनुसार घी यहां पर मिलना असम्भव ही है और जो मिलता है उस में भी मिलावट होती है ?

श्री करमरकर : सरकार जानती है कि घी जितना चाहिये उतना नहीं मिलता है और उस के संवर्द्धन के लिये उपाय कर रही है ।

सेठ गोविन्द दास : क्या माननीय मंत्री जी को यह बात मालूम है कि जो उपाय किये जा रहे हैं उन से घी की मिलावट नहीं रुक रही है ?

श्री करमरकर : मिलावट से क्या मतलब है ?

Mr. Speaker: He is giving information for the consideration of Government. It should be taken into consideration.

SAHJANWA—BARHNI RAILWAY LINES

*831. **Shri U. S. Dube:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a demand to connect Sahjanwa and Barhni via Bakhira, Menhdawala and Bansi and another to connect Kalwari and Barhni on the O. T. Railway; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to examine the feasibility of opening any of these lines in the near future?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister (Shri Satish Chandra): (a) and (b). The Uttar Pradesh Government recommended construction of railway lines between Barhni and Kalwari, via Khandsari, Pathra Bazar, Bansi, Rudhauri and Basti, and between Balrampur and Sahjanwa, via Utraula, Domariaganj, Patra Bazar, Bansi Mehndawal and Khalilabad. Both these projects were considered by the Central Board of Transport at their meeting held on 28th July 1948 and were dropped on the ground that the needs of the areas could be adequately met by roads.

श्री यू० एस० डूबे : क्या सरकार ने यह भी देखा है कि जो सड़कें वहाँ हैं वह वहाँ की ज़रूरियात को पूरा नहीं कर सकती हैं?

श्री सतीश चन्द्र : वहाँ काफी सड़कें हैं। और अगर और ज्यादा सड़कों की ज़रूरत है तो यह स्टेट गवर्नमेंट का काम है।

श्री यू० एस० डूबे : क्या सरकार को मालूम है कि सड़कें कच्ची हैं या पक्की हैं या सीमेंटेड हैं ?

श्री सतीश चन्द्र : कुछ सड़कों पर खास खास जगहों पर ट्रक्स वगैरह चलती हैं। लेकिन खराब सड़कों को ठीक करने का काम, जैसा मैं ने कहा, स्टेट गवर्नमेंट का है।

SEASON TICKETS

*832. **Shri S. G. Parikh:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether it is a fact that three months season tickets for Bombay suburbs and elsewhere are to be discontinued?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister (Shri Satish Chandra): No modification in the existing procedure in regard to the issue of Quarterly suburban season tickets is contemplated.

Shri B. S. Murthy: May I know, Sir, whether seasonal tickets for Christmas and other festival seasons are to be reintroduced by Government?

Mr. Speaker: Does the hon. Member mean it with regard to all the railways generally?

Shri S. G. Parikh: The main question relates to 'Bombay suburbs and elsewhere'.

Mr. Speaker: The question *prima facie* conveys the impression that the hon. Member had only Bombay in his mind. If, however, he gives a general interpretation to it, I have no objection.

Shri B. S. Murthy: May I know whether seasonal tickets would be issued for other festivals also from the capital cities and in their suburbs?

Shri Satish Chandra: The hon. Member is presumably referring to concession tickets for return journey which were issued during festive seasons. This question relates to season tickets issued in Bombay suburbs and elsewhere. I had thought that it implied to other suburbs such as in the City of Madras or Calcutta?

Shri S. G. Parikh: I meant other stations also.

Mr. Speaker: The presumption made by the hon. the Parliamentary Secretary is correct. That is what I also thought in the beginning. The question should have been clear in the first instance itself.

पंडित मुनीश्वर दत्त उपाध्याय: क्या और रेलवेज में भी ऐसे टिकट जारी किए जाने की योजना है ?

श्री सतीश चन्द्र : मैं समझता हूँ कि इस समय तो और नहीं है।