

Shri Naubiar: May I know what is the minimum emolument drawn by a seaman, in view of the fact that the hon. Member has said that it has increased by 500 per cent?

Shri Satish Chandra: I cannot give the minimum wage figure off-hand. That is a matter of agreement between individual seamen and the shipping Companies.

Shri H. N. Mukerjee: Is the Government aware that a few months ago, there was a strike which lasted for 45 days in the Calcutta Port as a protest against the excesses committed by the Medical Board in rejecting a very extraordinary number of candidates?

Shri Satish Chandra: There has been some agitation against the very beneficial scheme introduced by the Government in the interests of the seamen themselves. There was a strike in which the members of certain unions participated. (It only shows that the leadership of those unions is divided on this issue).

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. Next question.

SUGAR MILLS IN U. P.

*1843. **Shri Ganpati Ram:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of workers employed in the Sugar Mills in U.P. and their average wage income per day; and

(b) the net profit of Shahganj Sugar mill in Jaunpur in 1950-51 and 1951-52?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar): (a) Information is being collected.

(b) 1950-51 loss of Rs. 2,67,890/- 1951-52 expected loss of Rs. 3 lakhs.

श्री गणपति राम : क्या माननीय मंत्री महोदय बतला सकते हैं कि पिछले तीन वर्षों में शुगर मिल्स के वरकैस की जो ऐवरेज मजदूरी थी उसमें और वर्तमान मजदूरी में कोई कमी या वृद्धि हुई है। और यदि हुई है तो कहां तक।

Shri Karmarkar: I should like to find out. The information is being collected.

श्री गणपति राम : क्या माननीय मंत्री महोदय बतला सकते हैं कि शाहगंज शुगर मिल, जौनपुर, की ऐवरेज मजदूरी की जांच

के लिए कोई कमेटी नियुक्त की गई थी। यदि हां तो उस की क्या रिपोर्ट है। यदि नहीं तो क्या सरकार इस के लिए कोई इन्क्वायरी कमेटी नियुक्त कर सकती है ?

श्री करमरकर : यह स्टेट गवर्नमेन्ट का काम है। फिर हम भी तलाश करेंगे।

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: At the rate at which this mill is suffering loss, how many years would it take for the mill to be closed and sold out?

Shri Karmarkar: That depends on the ability of the Member.

श्री गणपति राम : क्या माननीय मंत्री महोदय बतला सकते हैं कि शुगर मिल में जो प्राफिट होता है उसका कुछ शेयर एम्प्लॉयर्स को भी दिया जाता है ?

Shri Karmarkar: I should like to find out.

UTILISATION OF BAGASSE

*1844. **Shri S. V. Ramaswamy:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether any attempt has been made to utilise the bagasse from the sugar cane mills and crushers for making paper boards; and

(b) whether there is any process by which bagasse may give rise to a cottage industry of paper-making?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar): (a) Yes. Some mills are actually utilising bagasse for manufacturing paper boards.

(b) Government are not aware of any process by which paper can be made from bagasse on a cottage industry scale.

In regard to part (a), I should like to add that Messrs. Rohtas Ltd., are using bagasse for making paper boards.

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: Are Government aware that there are very cheap and simple machines in Japan for making paper and paper boards out of bagasse, and.....

Mr. Speaker: I am afraid it is no use making these suggestions here. The hon. Member may send these suggestions to the Minister.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether Government have any information about the fact that from bagasse newsprint is being manufactured in other countries, and if so, whether Government have sent any deputation to any such countries?

Shri Karmarkar: We have not sent any deputation. In regard to our researches about the manufacture of newsprint from bagasse, I should like to have notice.

Mr. Speaker: Next question.

Shri N. P. Sinha: 1845.

Shri T. N. Singh: May I make a request, Sir. Question No. 1840 could not be answered earlier because of the absence of the questioner. If the answer for Question No. 1840 could be given along with the answer for 1845, many of the points would be covered and many supplementary questions may be avoided. Question 1840 also relates to the same matter though there is a slight variation.

Shri Karmarkar: I have no objection.

Mr. Speaker: But, how can Question 1840 be allowed in the absence of the questioner?

Shri T. N. Singh: I am only making a request.

Mr. Speaker: All relevant supplementaries would be allowed if the subject matter is common.

FOODGRAINS (STORAGE)

*1845. **Shri N. P. Sinha:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have, in the past, been taken to prevent foodgrains from rotting while in storage in different godowns; and

(b) whether inspections of foodgrains in godowns are made from time to time?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar): (a) So far as Central Storage is concerned damp-proof and well ventilated godowns were selected for storage of foodgrains and disinfestation measures and fumigation were adopted to prevent foodgrains from deterioration.

(b) Yes, once a fortnight.

Shri N. P. Sinha: May I know whether the Government have any reports regarding the annual depreciation of foodgrains due to eating away by insects and rats?

Shri Karmarkar: Our information was that during 1951-52, out of the total the storage loss was 33.63 tons, valued at Rs. 21.151 due to all reasons.

Shri N. P. Sinha: May I ask if foodgrains are released sometimes, only when they are completely deteriorated in godowns for public consumption?

Shri Karmarkar: No, Sir.

Shri B. K. Das: The hon. Minister replied about the Central Storage. May I ask what precautions have been taken about the storage under the State Governments?

Shri Karmarkar: I have no information about the storage in provincial Governments. Both the questions related only to the Central Government.

PUBLICITY PROGRAMME

*1846. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared any publicity programme for the development of tourist traffic in India;

(b) if so, what are the chief features of that programme; and

(c) the cost involved in it?

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

(b) The chief features of the tourist publicity programme are production of posters, folders, colour films, maps, picture postcards, guide books and brochures and where possible insertion of advertisements and articles in well-known foreign travel journals.

(c) Rs. 6.50,000.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: May I know whether the progress in the development of tourist traffic in India has been steady and satisfactory and whether Government expect to have a larger number of foreign visitors during the coming season as a result of the introduction of this publicity programme?

Shri Satish Chandra: I require notice for that. I can only give information regarding publicity.

Shri Nambiar: May I know, in view of the fact that this tourist traffic is increasing, whether it will in any way affect the traffic of people in India because there is already shortage of coaches, trains,.....

Mr. Speaker: Order, order.