

made were what I said previously. I cannot exactly say whether the bills were modified or not.

**Mr. Speaker:** We will go to the next question.

#### FREIGHT PAID TO SHIPPING COMPANIES

**\*1277. Shri Morarka:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state the total amount of freight paid on Indian imports and exports separately during the last financial year to:—

- (b) British shipping companies;
- (H) American shipping companies;
- (iii) Other foreign shipping companies; and
- (iv) Indian shipping companies?

**The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri):** The total freight and passenger earnings of Indian shipping companies during the calendar year 1951 amounted to about Rs. 776 lakhs, and this constitutes approximately 3 per cent. of the total freight paid on the exports and imports of India.

It is regretted that the other information asked for is not readily available. Efforts are being made to collect the necessary data but this will take some time. Even then it may not be possible to give the precise information asked for.

**Shri Morarka:** May I know whether our Indian ships are carrying cargo from and to America?

**Shri L. B. Shastri:** So far as I know, none.

**Shri Morarka:** May I know whether we hope to reach the target laid down by the Shipping Committee in 1947 and if so, when?

**Shri L. B. Shastri:** We are trying our best to reach the target, but it would be difficult for me to say as to when we will be able to reach the target fixed in 1947.

#### WATER SCARCITY (PLANS)

**\*1278. Shri Chinaria:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have under consideration any plan for the solution of the problem of water scarcity in India other than irrigation projects; and

(b) if so, what has been done uptill now and what are the future plans?

**The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar):** (a) and (b). I take it that the hon. Member wishes to have information about minor irrigation projects as distinguished from the multi-purposes river valley projects. If so, a good deal of work has been done for increasing irrigation facilities through short and medium term works of minor irrigation, such as excavation of wells, tanks, channels, construction of tubewells, etc. An amount, in all, of Rs. 1553.07 lakhs as loan and Rs. 1840.98 lakhs, as grant has been sanctioned to the State Governments during the past three years for these works.

**Shri Chinaria:** Is it not a fact that these dried areas are the main cause of food shortage and is it not a fact that 275 million acres of land are under dry conditions.....

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, order. He is giving information. What is the information that he wants? What is his question?

**Shri Chinaria:** My question is what the Government is going to do with the remaining areas when the major and minor projects have not been able to irrigate more than 10 per cent. of the areas?

**Shri Karmarkar:** We are making further efforts.

**Shri Chinaria:** Do the Government have any scheme for artificial rains?

**Shri Karmarkar:** I suppose some experiments are on the way.

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** May I know if there are any attempts made to remove the scarcity of drinking water?

**Shri Karmarkar:** This is a question on irrigation facilities.

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** It refers to 'scarcity'.

**Shri Karmarkar:** About drinking water, I should like to have notice.

**Shri Dabhi:** May I know if tube-wells have been sunk in North Gujarat?

**Shri Karmarkar:** There are no separate figures, but I find that tube-wells have been sunk in all parts of India.

**Shri S. N. Das:** May I know whether the Government is aware of what happened to the Paniwala Maharajah who has done good work in this connection?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, order. That is more or less a matter for the Saurashtra Government and not here.

**Shri Dhulekar:** May I know whether the Government is aware that there is a scheme called 'Matatilla' in the Jhansi District for which Rs. 4½ crores are to be given? Is this item included in the provision for minor irrigation projects?

**Shri Karmarkar:** I should like to have notice for that.

**Shri Pocker Saheb:** Has Government made any arrangements for geological survey to be undertaken to ascertain the availability of underground water before making grants for digging wells in areas where there is water scarcity?

**Shri Karmarkar:** The State Governments submit the schemes. They make the best efforts to find out where water can be made available and we proceed on the examination of the schemes submitted by the State Governments.

#### RECRUITMENT OF SCHEDULED CASTES

\*1279. **Shri Jatav-vir:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government do not give sufficient publicity to obtain suitable Scheduled Castes candidates for recruitment against the reserved posts; and

(b) if not, what steps Government propose to take in the matter?

**The Minister of Home Affairs and States (Dr. Katju):** (a) No, Sir. Adequate publicity is given to vacancies required to be filled by Scheduled Caste candidates. The Member's attention is invited to para. 5(6) of and Appendix C to the Ministry of Home Affairs Memorandum No. 42/21/49-NGS dated 28th January, 1952, a copy of which was placed on the table of the House on the 10th June, 1952, in answer to Shri Rajabhoj's starred question No. 674.

(b) Does not arise.

**श्री जाटव-वीर :** क्या मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से जान सकता हूँ कि नौकरी के लिये जो विज्ञापन दिया जाता है वह अंग्रेजी ही पत्रों में दिया जाता है ?

**डा० काटजू :** जो जगहें सेन्ट्रल सेक्रेटेरिएट में आल इंडिया बेसिस पर होती हैं उन के लिए अंग्रेजी भाषा का ज्ञान होना

आवश्यक है इस लिए अंग्रेजी पत्रों में ही उन का इस्तहार छापा जाता है। दूसरी जगहों के लिए प्रान्तीय सरकार इस काम को करती है।

**श्री जाटव-वीर :** जैसा कहा गया है कि यूनियन पब्लिक सर्विस कमिशन ही अखबारों को विज्ञापन देने के लिए छांटता है। क्या मैं आशा करता हूँ कि आगे के लिए हिन्दी समाचार पत्रों में भी विज्ञापन दिया जायगा ?

**डा० काटजू :** मैं इस पर विचार करूँगा।

**Shri Veeraswamy:** Is it a fact that even if Scheduled caste candidates with the necessary qualifications come for interview, no considerations are being shown and they are not selected for some reason or other?

**Dr. Katju:** No

**श्री जाटव-वीर :** क्या यह बात सच है कि आज से दो वर्ष पहिले हिन्दी पत्रों में विज्ञापन दिया जाता था और अब वह बन्द कर दिया गया है।

**डा० काटजू :** इस बारे में मुझे कुछ मालूम नहीं है।

**श्री गणपति राम :** क्या मंत्री महोदय यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि पिछले दो वर्षों में सेन्ट्रल सेक्रेटेरिएट में पहली दूसरी और तीसरी क्लास के गजटेड और नान गजटेड पोस्टों के लिए कोई इस्तहार दिया गया, अगर दिया गया तो उस में कितने सिड्यूल्डकास्ट वालों के लिए जगहें थी ?

**डा० काटजू :** मुझे मालूम नहीं है। श्रीमान स्पीकर साहब इस पर ध्यान देंगे कि मैं सारे संसार का हाल नहीं जान सकता कि कहां पर क्या हो रहा है।

**Shri B. S. Murthy:** May I know whether the Government would be pleased to delete the sentence, 'if no