

pur station on the North-Eastern Railway and Moghalsarai also about sub-letting?

Shri Alagesan: Not to my knowledge.

FERTILIZERS

*1128. **Shri Jethalal Joshi:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of fertilizers produced in India during 1954; and

(b) by how much it fell short of the demand?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) Among the various kinds of fertilisers, both nitrogenous and phosphatic, only sulphate of ammonia and superphosphate are produced in India. The production of sulphate of ammonia and superphosphate in 1954 was 3,40,222 tons and 1,05,056 tons, respectively.

(b) In the case of sulphate of ammonia, the deficit during 1954 was of the order of 74 lakh tons. The local production of superphosphate is sufficient to meet the demand.

Shri Jethalal Joshi: May I know if the Government can say just how much appreciable increase there has been in the demand for fertilisers from agriculturists during the last two years?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I am very happy to say that there has been a very appreciable increase in the demand, and if my hon. friend would like the figures, I can tell him that whereas in 1952 our consumption of Ammonium Sulphate was 2,76,258 tons, in 1953 it was 4,26,534 tons and in 1954 it is likely to be above 5.5 lakh tons.

Shri Jethalal Joshi: May I know if there is a proposal to start another factory for nitrogenous fertiliser in view of the increased demand for these fertilisers, and if so, where?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: Yes, Sir, but that would be a proper question to

address to the Commerce and Industry Ministry.

Shri R. S. Diwan: May I know whether the shortage which the hon. Member referred to is in comparison with the total demand of agriculturists in India, or the demands which have been actually made by the States?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: There was actual shortage and in some places even blackmarket was resorted to as a result of the shortage due to demand from the cultivators.

RAILWAY ACCIDENTS ENQUIRY COMMITTEE REPORT

*1129. **Shri Ganpati Ram:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railway Accident Enquiry Committee observed in their report that the existing flood-lighting arrangements for night examination of trains, and working facilities in regard to tools and plants and supply of spare-parts are not adequate for proper examination and maintenance of the rolling stock; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to improve the situation?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Yes.

(b) A statement in this respect is attached. [See Appendix VI, annexure No. 47].

श्री गणपति राम: स्टार्टमेंट को देखने से मालूम होता है कि अब भी जो स्पेअर पार्ट्स ट्रेन एग्जामिनर्स को दिये जाते हैं वह अपर्याप्त होते हैं। क्या मैं पूछ सकता हूँ कि रेलवे की सुरक्षा के लिये और उस की एफिशिएन्सी के लिये क्या रेलवे मंत्रालय यह जरूरी नहीं समझता है कि यह स्पेअर पार्ट्स जल्दी से जल्दी उन को दिये जायें ताकि अच्छी तरह से काम हो सके ?

श्री शाहनवाज खां : जी हां, यह चीज देखी गई थी कि ट्रेन एग्जामिनर्स के पास जो