

श्री ए० पी० जैन : उसके नफे और नुकसान के जिम्मेदार हम हैं।

Dr. Rama Rao : The purchase price of wheat has been given as Rs. 10 per maund. May I know how this compares with the price we pay for the wheat we get from the United States of America under the recent agreement ?

Shri A. P. Jain : The price of imported wheat varies from time to time according to the prevailing price there. Of late, speaking in a general way it has varied from Rs. 13-8-0 to Rs. 15-12 at the ports.

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*389. **Shri Kamath :** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state :

(a) whether any complaints, protests or resistance have been reported to Government from any States against the Central Tractor Organisation;

(b) if so, from which States ;

(c) the nature of such complaints, protests and resistance ; and

(d) the action taken by Government in the matter ?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh) : (a) to (d). A statement is placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 29].

Shri Kamath : With regard to the statement laid on the Table of the House, so far at least as Madhya Pradesh is concerned, is it a fact that the opposition to the tractor operations, particularly in Hoshangabad district, has arisen not merely on account of the high charges, as mentioned in the first part of the answer, but also because these operations have been undertaken without the consent of the cultivators concerned, and have been compulsory ?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh : The CTO acts according to a certain plan and we are guided by the proposals of the State Government. But in a particular area where we want that tractorisation should be done, there can be a few cultivators who do not like it ; but for the benefit of the larger number, the State Government and we had agreed to tractorise the land.

Shri Kamath : Has the attention of Government been drawn to an incident in Banapura Tahsil of Hoshangabad district where women and children laid themselves prostrate in front of a tractor and the tractor had to be withdrawn on account of that ?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh : Such tricks are often resorted to in many places and in many instances.

Shri Kamath : With regard to the last part of the answer laid on the Table of the House, may I ask whether Government have received representations for reduction in the rates of interest on tractor *taccavi* ?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh : I am not aware of this specific representation, but representations are always being made since popular Ministries have come into being.

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain) : May I add that the rate charged for tractorisation has been reduced from Rs. 52 to Rs. 45, and recently it has been reduced from Rs. 45 to Rs. 40 per acre ?

Shri Kamath : The last sentence of the last part of the statement says that further reductions are now under consideration. When do Government expect to announce these further reductions ?

Shri A. P. Jain : Under the Second Five Year Plan.

Shri Kamath : Second Five Year Plan ? Too late.

Employees' State Insurance Corporation

*390. **Shri I. Eacharan :** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Employees' State Insurance Corporation has been exempted from recruiting candidates through the Employment Exchanges;

(b) if so, the reasons there for ; and

(c) the number of other departments under the Central Government which have been exempted from recruitments through the Employment Exchanges ?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali) : (a) and (b). Statutory corporations like the Employees' State Insurance Corporation which have independent powers under the Law, do not at present come within the Government of India rules pertaining to recruitment under the Central Government but the question of making the Employment Exchange procedure obligatory on them also is under consideration.

(c) No Ministry or Department of the Central Government, to which general rules of recruitment under the Government of India apply, has been exempted from recruitment through the Employment Exchanges.

Shri I. Eacharan : May I know what percentage of the Central Government vacancies are notified by the departments to the Employment Exchanges ?

Shri Abid Ali : Mostly.

Shri Nanadas : May I know the categories of jobs for which exemption is given at present, and the reasons for giving such kind of exemption ?

Shri Abid Ali : I have already stated that no exemptions are given.

Workshop at Jagadhari

*391. **Sardar Iqbal Singh :** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 76 on the 23rd February, 1955 and state :

(a) whether it has been finally decided to establish a locomotive workshop at Jagadhari ;

(b) if so, when the construction work will start ; and

(c) the estimated recurring and non-recurring expenditure to be incurred on this workshop ?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan) : (a) No.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Sardar Iqbal Singh : May I know whether, with the loss of the railway workshop at Lahore, Government will consider the proposal to establish one Railway workshop in the Punjab region ?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan : The idea of establishing a first-rate railway workshop in Punjab has been accepted in principle. Negotiations are going on with the Government of East Punjab regarding acquiring the Punjab Government's Central Workshop at Amritsar. As soon as the negotiations are completed, we will go ahead.

Sardar Iqbal Singh : May I know whether Government want to shift this Central Workshop from Amritsar to somewhere else or want to run the workshop there ?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan : The negotiations are still going on. Before we can think of shifting it from Amritsar, the negotiations must be completed.

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri) : The workshop is not to be transferred from Amritsar ; it will remain there. The Punjab Government has agreed to transfer the workshop to the railways ; the details are being looked into.

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru) : The question is not of transfer of the workshop. It is only transfer of the organisation from the Punjab Government to the Government of India. But the thing remains where it is,

Railway Lines in Orissa

*392. **Shri B. C. Das :** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Railway Board has received any suggestions from the Government of Orissa for the construction of a railway line connecting Berhampur, Gopalpur and Durgaprasad ; and

(b) if so, when the survey is to be undertaken ?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan) : (a) The Orissa State Government have not included this proposal when recommending lines to be taken up in the 2nd Plan Period.

(b) Does not arise.

Shri B. C. Das : May I know whether sometime in 1944 or 1945, there was a survey conducted by the railway authorities for a major part of this line from Berhampur to Russelkonda (Bhanjanagar) ?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan : No survey as such was carried out. But this prospect was looked into and it was also examined by the Central Board of Transport in March 1949, and it has been decided to drop this idea.

Shri B. C. Das : May I know whether Government are aware that this line connects the tribal area of Phulbani district with the modern world ?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri) : That may be so, but there are many other important lines which have been given first priority. We have to take them up first ; this line will have to be considered at the appropriate time some time later.

Shri B. C. Das : May I know whether Government have received recommendations from the conference of the M. Ps. and MLAs. of Ganjam district to include this line in the Second Five Year Plan ?

Shri L. B. Shastri : I have not seen the resolution of that conference but the State Government have certainly sent their recommendation.

Milk Colonies

*393. **Shri Veeraswamy :** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to start Milk Colonies in the country ;