

Shri S. N. Das : May I know whether the gate was closed or open at the time of the accident?

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan : It should have been open at that time; if it was closed the accident could not have taken place.

Shri S. N. Das : May I know whether the person who were on duty at that time have been arrested?

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan : The final report of the Inspector of Railways has not yet been received.

After the final report is received, I suppose action would be taken.

Shri U. M. Trivedi : May I know how long it usually takes for the Government Inspector to submit this report and how many such reports are pending during the last 12 months?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker : That is a general question. So far as this case is concerned the hon. Minister must be able to answer as to how long this matter has been pending.

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan : The accident took place on the 7th of May. The enquiry of the Government Inspector of Railways commenced on the 12th of the May. It finished on the 14th and he submitted his provisional findings on the 16th of May.

Shri Raghunath Singh : What about the final report?

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan : The final report has not yet been received. I might add that the Government Inspector of Railways is not under the Ministry of Railways. He is under the Ministry of Communications.

Shri B. S. Murthy : May I know whether, in the provisional report of the Government Inspector, it is stated that the gate was closed or was opened at the time of the accident?

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan : The gate was open.

बद्रीनाथ-धाम हवाई अड्डा

*६३. श्री नवल प्रभाकर : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार का विचार बद्रीनाथ धाम में एक हवाई अड्डा बनाने का है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उस पर अनुमानतः कितना व्यय होगा ?

संचार उपमंत्री (श्री राज बहादुर) : (क) नहीं, श्रीमान् जी ।

(ख) प्रश्न ही उत्पन्न नहीं होता ।

श्री नवल प्रभाकर : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि उत्तर प्रदेश की सरकार ने इस तरह का कोई सुझाव केन्द्रीय सरकार के सामने रखा है ?

श्री राज बहादुर : जहाँ तक हमको मालूम है ऐसा कोई सुझाव नहीं आया, और इतनी ऊंचाई पर ऐसा ऐअरोड्रम बनाना सम्भव भी नहीं प्रतीत होता ।

श्री भक्त दर्शन : क्या माननीय उपमंत्री ने कभी इस सुझाव पर विचार किया है कि अच्छा हो यदि वह स्वयं जा कर के परिस्थिति का अध्ययन करें और देवता के दर्शन भी कर लें ।

श्री राज बहादुर : मैं उनके सुझाव का हृदय से स्वागत करता हूँ किन्तु मैं इस विषय में कोई विशेषज्ञ नहीं हूँ । पर मैं निवेदन करूँगा कि १०,००० फुट की ऊंचाई पर हवाई अड्डा बनने के लिये जितनी लम्बाई की जरूरत होती है वह यदि सी लेवेल पर हवाई अड्डा बनाया जाय तो उस से दूनी होती है । साथ ही वहाँ ६, ७ मील के दायरे में बड़े ऊंचे ऊंचे पहाड़ हैं, इसलिये वहाँ हवाई अड्डा बनाना कठिन है । जब तक कि हेलीकाप्टर के तरीके के जहाजों का प्रचलन नहीं होता तब तक इस सवाल पर विचार करना सम्भव नहीं मालूम होता ।

श्री भक्त दर्शन : क्या इस सुझाव पर भी विचार किया गया है कि अगर बड़े जहाजों के उतरने के लिये स्थान नहीं मिल सकता तो हेलीकाप्टर जैसे जहाजों का प्रबन्ध किया जाये ?

श्री राज बहादुर : हेलिकाप्टर का आवगमन अभी इतनी ऊंचाई पर नहीं हुआ है। और वह इकानामिकल भी नहीं पाया गया है।

Shri Chattopadhyaya : May I know if, after the aerodrome is built the pilgrims who go to Badrinath will be free from taxation ?

Shri Raj Bahadur : I have already submitted that it is not possible for us to think of constructing a full-fledged aerodrome in Badrinath because of so many technical difficulties.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker : It does not arise. Next question.

Arid Conditions

*64. **Shri Gidwani :** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Goats are responsible for increase in arid conditions in dry localities ; and :

(b) if so, the measures adopted to prevent destruction of vegetation by them ?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh) : (a) Yes.

(b) Measures to be adopted to prevent destruction of vegetation by goats are under active consideration.

Shri Gidwani : May I know whether Mr. Keith, Director of Soil Conservation and Mr. Batra, the Deputy Inspector General of Forest have submitted any note to the Government embodying their proposals and if so, what are their proposals ?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh : Proposals with respect to what ?

Shri Gidwani : I want to know whether Mr. Keith, Director of Soil Conservation and the Deputy Inspector General of Forest have submitted any note embodying their proposals ?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh : I would ask for notice.

Shri C. R. Narasimhan : Have Government got schemes for the co-existence of forest wealth and cattle wealth ?

Mr. Deputy-speaker : The question relates to goats ; so goat wealth.

Shri C. R. Narasimhan : Goats are part of cattle wealth.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker : Cattle wealth does not arise out of this question.

Shri C. R. Narasimhan : My question is, are there schemes for the coexistence of forest wealth and cattle wealth.

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh : There are some experts who advocate the elimination of goats altogether.

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Shri C. R. Narasimhan : One question Sir.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker : No more questions. Order, order; as soon as a question is over hon. Members must resume their normal temperament.

Rail Transport

*65. **Shri Dabhi :** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have finalised the programme of Rail transport for the Second Five Year Plan ; and

(b) the details of the proposals submitted by the various State Governments ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan) : (a) No, Sir. The proposals are under examination by the Planning Commission.

(b) As the proposals are still under examination, it would not be advisable to give the detailed proposals received from the State Governments at this stage.

Shri Dabhi : May I know whether all Governments have submitted their proposals and whether there are any who have not submitted their proposals ?

Shri Alagesan : Except some Part C States, all the States have submitted.

Shri Dabhi : Is it a fact that the Government programme during the Second Five Year Plan is to construct 3000 miles of railway and, if so, whether any approximate number of miles have been allotted to the different zones and regions ?

Shri Alagesan : We have not yet reached that stage. It is true that our plan is to construct 3000 miles of new railway.

Shri Damodara Menon : It has been stated that the State Governments are to submit their final reports by the 15th August. The hon. Minister said that except for some Part C States, he has received final reports from others. Is that so ?

*Expunged as ordered by the Chair.