

पर दिल्ली में मक्सियों को समाप्त करने का प्रान्दोलन प्रारम्भ करेंगी; और

(ख) क्या भारत के अन्य नगरों में भी वैसे प्रान्दोलन प्रारम्भ करने का विचार है ?

स्वास्थ्य मंत्री (राजकुमारी प्रमत्त कोर):

(क) मैं ने कहा था कि दिल्ली में तजबे के तौर पर मैं एक प्रान्दोलन शुरू करना चाहूंगी ।

(ख) ऐसा कोई विचार नहीं है ।

#### International Wheat Conference

\*371. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India participated in the International Wheat Conference held recently; and

(b) if so whether our delegation has submitted any report in this regard ?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Not yet.

#### Timber Seasoning Plant

\*372. Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 670 on the 12th August, 1955 and state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposals for setting up a plant for the treatment of timber for Railway sleepers;

(b) if so, where that plant is likely to be set up; and

(c) the cost involved in setting up that plant ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) No, Sir.

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

#### Industrial Wages and Profits

\*373. Shri Shree Narayan Das: Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have appointed an expert Committee to go into the whole question of wages, profits, terms and conditions of payment etc;

(b) whether the Committee has submitted its report; and

(c) if so the important features thereof ?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) to (c). No such Expert Committee has been appointed recently.

#### Shipping

\*374. Shri N. Rachiah: Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a rise in demand for shipping on the coast as per the review by the Central Board of Transport;

(b) if so the reasons thereof;

(c) what is the present shipping tonnage; and

(d) the action taken by Government to meet the increase in demand ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Yes.

(b) The increase in demand is understood to be due to seasonal rush and wagon difficulties on the railways.

(c) The total owned and chartered tonnage available for coastal trade on 1st November, 1955 was 276,694 gross registered tons.

(d) The Government are constantly reviewing the position in consultation with the various authorities concerned. The measures already taken by Government *inter alia* include (i) the grant of Indian shipping companies for acquisition of additional tonnage (ii) partial relaxation of the restrictions regarding the employment of chartered tonnage on the coast and (iii) coastal ships at Indian ports. The question of taking further measures to deal with the shortage of tonnage on the coast is under consideration.

#### Howrah-Burdwan Electrification Scheme

\*375. Shri Krishnacharya Joshi: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a contract for the electrification scheme of Indian Railways has been given to a British firm; and

(b) if so the estimated cost of the Howrah, Calcutta and Burdwan electrification scheme ?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): Yes Sir for Rs. 45 lakhs approximately.

(b) Rs. 11.84 crores.