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

(b) Exports of cotton seed are not allowed, while those of some other cattle feed like groundnut cake, linseed cake, rice bran, wheat bran, etc. have been stopped.

सरदार ए० एस० सहगल : क्या यह सच है कि काटन सीड (बिनौले) के भाव ५० रुपये कैंडी से बढ़कर १०५ रुपये कैंडी हो गये हैं और इन बढ़ी हुई कीमतों तथा काटन सीड की जो कमी हो रही है उसकी तरफ बहुत से तारों तथा आवेदन-पत्रों द्वारा मंत्रालय का ध्यान आकर्षित किया गया है, यदि हां, तो इन आवेदन-पत्रोंपर क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

डा० पी० एस० देशमुख : यह बात सच है कि काफी तार वगैरह आये हैं और वह सब विचाराधीन हैं ।

सरदार ए० एस० सहगल : क्या यह सच है कि मध्य प्रदेश की गवर्नमेंट ने काटन सीड को प्रान्त के बाहर न भेजे जाने के बारे में केन्द्रीय सरकार को पत्र लिखा है ।

डा० पी० एस० देशमुख : जी हां ।

सरदार ए० एस० सहगल : क्या गवर्नमेंट काटन सीड, काटन सीड केक (खली) और काटन (बिनौले के तेल) सीड आयल के निर्यात पर पाबन्दी लगाने के प्रश्न पर विचार कर रही है ?

डा० पी० एस० देशमुख : हमारी नीति यह है कि ऐसी रेस्ट्रिकशंस (प्रतिबन्ध) लगाने को जहां तक एवायड (बचा सकें) कर सकें करें। इसका कारण यह है कि अगर हम हर एक स्टेट में ऐसी पाबन्दियां लगायेंगे, तो उससे कुछ अच्छे नतीजे निकल सकते हैं, ऐसा नहीं कहा जा सकता है क्योंकि हो सकता है कि दूसरी जगहों पर प्राइसिज (कीमतें) बढ़ जायें । इसलिये इस बारे में तो शायद गवर्नमेंट कुछ नहीं करेगी । मगर स्टेट गवर्नमेंट ने जो बातें कहीं हैं, उन पर ध्यान दिया जा रहा है ।

Sardar Iqbal Singh: May I know whether the Government is aware of the fact that a large amount of cotton seed has been purchased by the State Government at lower prices for seed purposes. Will the Government sell them at the same prices or at present prices which are very high?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I should like to have notice of the question because this rests with the State Government. I am sure they would like to give relief to the cultivators by giving it at as low a price as possible.

Shri B. N. Mishra: May I know whether the Government is aware of the fact that large quantities of cotton seed are being pressed in the mills and they are being exported and hence this rise in prices?

Mr. Speaker: This has been asked so many times.

Shri B. N. Mishra: Will the Government now see that the export of oilcakes and oil is banned?

Mr. Speaker: The Minister has already stated that these provisions cannot be adopted with regard to export from one State to another.

Shri B. N. Mishra: But the export is permitted outside India.

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: The matter is under consideration, but I might say that the quantity which is going outside the country is so small that it is not likely to affect the prices much because it is not the principal cause of this rise.

DISLOCATION OF TRAFFIC AT LUMDING JUNCTION

***1887. Shri Debendra Nath Sarma:** Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all the train services on the three sides of Lumding Junction of the N.E. Railway were suddenly stopped and held up for fourteen hours on the 28th and 29th December, 1955;

(b) if so, the causes leading to such sudden dislocation of normal traffic;

(c) whether any enquiry was made into the matter; and

(d) if so, with what results?

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

(b) Unsettled conditions and panic among the railway staff, many of whom could not perform normal duties, as a result of police firing at Lumding on 28-12-55.

(c) Yes; a judicial enquiry has been instituted.

(d) Results are not yet available.

Shri Debendra Nath Sarma: Is it a fact that the trains were held up due to indiscipline among a section of the railway employees there?

Shri Alagesan: I have already given the answer.

Shri Debeswar Sarmah: Who created unsettled conditions amoung the railway staff? Is it the police or a section of the railway employees?

Shri Alagesan: I am not prepared to go into the merits of the case. There was a police firing and as a result of the police firing, there were unsettled conditions and so the railway staff could not carry out their normal duties, though they were present on the spot.

Shri Debeswar Sarmah: Is it a fact that the police had to open fire because they were chased?

Shri Alagesan: All these things are *sub judice*. They are all matters of enquiry. When it is completed, we will be able to get an authoritative version of what happened.

Shri Debendra Nath Sarma: Is it, due to the fact that a passenger was detained for travelling without a ticket, that these things happened?

Shri Alagesan: That was the initial cause. A student was travelling without a ticket and he was alleged to have been man-handled by a member of the Railway police and a member of the ticket checking staff. The whole thing started from that.

गंगा का पुल

*१८८६. **श्री भक्त दर्शन** : क्याँ परिवहन मंत्री १६ अप्रैल, १९५५ के अतारांकित प्रश्न संख्या ८३४ के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि मेरठ और मुरादाबाद के बीच गंगा नदी पर पुल बनाने के सम्बन्ध में इस बीच क्या प्रगति हुई है और इस कार्य के लिए अभी तक कितना अनुदान उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार को दिया जा चुका है ?

रेलवे तथा परिवहन उपमंत्री (श्री अलगेशन): पुल तक पहुंचने वाली सड़कों के बनाने का काम—जो एक मेरठ की तरफ से और दूसरी मुरादाबाद की तरफ से जाती है, प्रगति पर है । अब तक मिली सूचनाओं से प्रकट है कि इन सड़कों के काम में कुल प्रगति क्रमश: ३३.३ प्रतिसत और ६ प्रतिशत हुई है । यह आशा की जाती है कि मुख्य पुल के बनाने का काम आने वाली बरसात के बाद ही शुरू किया जायेगा ।

अब तक तीन एस्टीमेट (प्राक्कलन) जिनकी कुल लागत ६२·६२ लाख रुपये है, मंजूर किये गये हैं ।

With your permission, Sir, I will read the answer in English?

The construction of the approach roads to the bridge—one on the Meerut side and another on the Moradabad side—is in progress. The reports so far received indicate the overall progress as 33·3% and 9% respectively. The construction of the main bridge is expected to commence after the coming rainy season.

Three estimates of the total value of Rs. 92·92 lakhs have been sanctioned so far.

श्री भक्त दर्शन : कब तक इसके समाप्त होने की आशा की जा सकती है ?

Shri Alagesan: This bridge is across the Ganga. It will take considerable time perhaps, two or three working seasons.

श्री भक्त दर्शन : क्या गवर्नमेंट के ध्यान में यह बात आयम है कि वर्षों से गढ़मुक्तेश्वर से लेकर गंगा के पुल के स्थान तक पी० डब्ल्यू० डी० (लोक निर्माण विभाग) के कर्मचारियों ने मिट्टी के ढेर लगा दियें हैं जो कि पड़े हुए हैं । क्या इस सम्बन्ध में केन्द्रीय सरकार उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार का ध्यान दिलाने की कृपा करेगी ?

रेलवे तथा परिवहन मंत्री (श्री एल० बी० शास्त्री) : अभी तो दोनों तरफ से सड़क बनाने का काम चल रहा है, एक तरफ मुरादाबाद की