

Shri K. K. Basu: What was the estimated cost of the construction on the site selected and what would have been the return to the Government from that particular platform?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): It is not a question of return. Whenever there is a large assemblage of people, the railways have to provide the amenities. I do not have before me the estimated cost. The work did not proceed beyond a particular stage. As for the return, of course, it was not there. There is, as I said no question of return.

Shri K. K. Basu: What is the number which is considered to be large, for the construction of a special platform?

Shri Alagesan: For anything that the existing arrangements cannot cope with, we have to make available additional facilities. I thought that we will understand.

पशुओं के प्रति निर्दयता की रोक-थाम संबंधी जांच समिति

*४८५. श्री भक्त दर्शन: क्या खाद्य और कृषि मंत्री १६ सितम्बर, १९५५ को दिये गये तारांकित प्रश्न संख्या १८६६ के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि पशुओं के प्रति निर्दयता को रोकने और अन्य संबंधित विषयों के बारे में नियुक्त की गई समिति ने अब तक क्या प्रगति की है ?

कृषि मंत्री (डा० पी० एस० देशमुख) : सभा की टेबिल पर एक विवरण रख दिया है। [देखिये परिशिष्ट ३, अनुबन्ध सं. ३१]

श्री भक्त दर्शन : क्या यह सत्य है कि इस समिति के जो अध्यक्ष हैं, माननीय श्री. वी० के० कृष्ण मेनन वे इस बीच में अधिकांश देश से बाहर रहे हैं और अब तो वे एक विभागहीन मंत्री बन गये हैं। तो उन की अनुपस्थिति में इस समिति की अध्यक्षता कौन कर रहा है ?

डा. पी० एस० देशमुख : इस कमेटी की रिपोर्ट में देरी का एक कारण यह भी था कि श्री. कृष्ण मेनन उस के चेयरमन थे और वह बाहर रहते थे। अभी हमने यह तय किया है कि मिसेज अरुडेल उस की उपसभापति हो

जायें और तब से कमेटी का काम अच्छा चल रहा है ?

श्री भक्त दर्शन : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ जि कब तक उस के प्रतिवेदन के मिलने की आशा की जा सकती है ?

डा० पी० एस० देशमुख : मैं यह कहने में असमर्थ हूँ।

Shri Kamath: Is it not a fact that though the Prime Minister and his colleagues swear by the name of Budha and Gandhi, the slaughter of animals today is far greater and that slaughter continues by more cruel methods than it was during the British regime?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I do not subscribe to the view my friend has taken, but, all the same, we are awaiting the recommendations of the Committee which we have appointed.

सेठ गोविंद दास : क्या इस कमेटी के कुछ सदस्यों ने बम्बई और कलकते के कसाईखानों को देखने की कृपा की है और क्या उन को मालूम है की वहां पर किस प्रकार की गायें और दूसरे जानवरों का वध होता है तथा उन में कितनी क्रूरता का उपयोग किया जाता है ?

डा० पी० एस० देशमुख : इस समिती ने क्या क्या किया है उस की पुरी जानकारी तथा विवरण तो मेरे पास नहीं है। मगर माननीय सदस्य उन को यह सूचना दे सकते हैं।

Shrimati Ila Palchoudhury: May I know what steps are being taken to prevent the excessive loading of bullock carts?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: There is an Act already in operation. If it is not obeyed or if there are transgressions—and we know there are—the remedy remains with us to enforce that enactment rather than any new enactment that would be required.

NUTRITION

*488. **Shri S. C. Samanta:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether report of the work done in Nutrition in State has been published every year since 1950;

(b) if so, the number of States where Public Health Nutrition work has not been possible as yet;

(c) number of States which have so far carried out diet surveys in their respective States; and

(d) the steps taken to establish nutrition clinics?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): (a) Yes.

(b) Twelve.

(c) Eighteen.

(d) It is for the State Governments to take necessary action in the matter. Nutrition clinics have been established in Bombay and Hyderabad States.

Such a clinic has also been established in the Nutrition Research Laboratories at Coonoor and is being established at the All India Institute of Hygiene and Public Health, Calcutta.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether any special area was taken up by the Central Ministry and research was carried on there, and if so, with what results.

The Deputy Minister of Health (Shrimati Chandrasekhar): I think we have not done any such thing.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether results of the research on nutrition are published?

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur: Research has been carried on in various States and the Centre is in close contact with them. The results of these researches are published in special reports of the Indian Council of Medical Research. We always also publish them in the annual reports of the Indian Council of Medical Research.

Shri Keshavaiengar: May I now if any steps are being taken to provide publicity for the results of these institutions all over the country and if so, what are those steps?

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur: These questions are discussed every year at the conference of the Indian Council of Medical Research. We keep in touch

with the States and ask them to give publicity. Such publicity is necessary in order to make the people understand the efficacy of food nutrition.

Shri N. M. Lingam: May I know when the Nutrition Research Laboratories at Coonoor will be transferred to Hyderabad? May I also know whether there will be any clinic in Coonoor even after the transfer of the present laboratory?

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur: The laboratory will be transferred to Hyderabad as soon as the buildings there are ready; I cannot give any date. After the transfer no clinic will be kept at Coonoor.

Shri K. K. Basu: May I know whether any tangible steps other than education, as the hon. Minister has said, are taken in those areas where was found to be nutritional deficiency as a result of the research?

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur: These steps will have to be taken by the States and not by the Central Administration.

सेठ गोविंद दास : प्रचार के अतिरिक्त क्या इस प्रकार के भोजन का जो कि स्वास्थ्य के लिये आवश्यक है कोई प्रबन्ध किया जा रहा है और क्या माननीय मंत्राली जी को मालूम है कि बच्चों के लिए जिस दूध की नितांत आवश्यकता है वह दूध अच्छी से अच्छी गायों का बम्बई और कलकता में कत्ल होने के कारण प्राप्त नहीं हो रहा है और क्या इसके लिए कोई उपाय सोचा जा रहा है ?

राजकुमारी अमृत कौर : कत्ल के बारे में तो मैं कुछ नहीं कह सकती। लेकिन मैं इतना आवश्यक कहना चाहती हूँ कि बच्चों को दूध आज ज्यादा मिलता है। बनिस्वत उस वक्त के जब कि हम ने आजादी पाई थी।

सेठ गोविंद दास : क्या वह उतना मिलता है जितना मिलना चाहिये ?

राजकुमारी अमृत कौर : जी नहीं। हमारा मुल्क क्यों कि एक गरीब मुल्क है, इस लिए उनको उतना दूध नहीं मिलता है जितना मिलना चाहिये। लेकिन हमारी हर वक्त यह कोशिश रहती है कि ज्यादा दूध उनको दिया जाए और उसकी मात्रा बढ़ भी रही है और हर चीज जो

खाने पीने की है, उसकी मिकदार भी बढ़ रही है।

पंडित के० सी शर्मा० : क्या वह बढ़ता ही जा रहा है या उसकी जो क्वालिटी है वह भी अच्छी होती जा रही है ?

Mr. Deputy Speaker: We are going away from research to the actual supply of goods.

GOODS TRANSPORT ON N.E.
RAILWAY

*489. **Shri Anirudha Sinha:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no proper classification for allotting priority in transport of seasonal and perishable goods on the Metre-Gauge Section of the North Eastern Railway; and

(b) if so, the reason thereof?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) No, the General Preferential Traffic Schedule is equally applicable to the North Eastern Railway. Perishable traffic falls in the higher category 'D'. Seasonal traffic as such however, does not generally enjoy any special priority; the inter-priority classification of such traffic depends upon the comparative importance and urgency of the movement of the various kinds of commodities concerned.

(b) Does not arise.

Shri Anirudha Sinha : May I know whether it is a fact that preferential movement is not allowed to seasonal and perishable commodities like onion and potato which have to be moved in a particular season on the metre gauge section of the North-Eastern Railway?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: There is a slight difference between perishable and seasonal traffic. Perishable traffic is given a higher priority, whereas seasonal traffic is given a slightly lower priority.

Shri Anirudha Sinha: Will the Government tell the House whether seasonal and perishable commodities will be properly classified and will be given due priority for movement during particular seasons?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Is it a suggestion for action?

Shri Anirudha Sinha : I want that some preferential treatment should be given and necessary action should be taken in this regard.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: All that will be said during the discussion on the Railway Budget.

RADIO-PHOTO AND PHOTO
TELEGRAPH SERVICE

*490. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state whether the radio-photo and the photo-telegraph services have not proved to be popular?

The Minister in the Ministry of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): The traffic on these services is increasing and the services are, therefore, becoming popular.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I now what that increase has been and if that increase can be called appreciable, considerable or adequate?

Shri Raj Bahadur: The increase can be said to be encouraging and it may be indicated by the following statistics which I have collected so far as external services are concerned. In 1949-50, the figure was 18,300 centimetres in photo space, in 1950-51, it was 27,100. The last two figures are 29,600 for 1953-54 and 1,04,475 for 1954-55. The number of photo-messages has gone up to 146.

Shri D. C. Sharma: Is it not a fact that the rates for these services are very high and that if these rates are reduced, the response will be much more encouraging than it is now?

Shri Raj Bahadur: The rates are not high if we keep in mind the expenditure that is being incurred for the services. The recurring expenditure comes to Rs. 34,767 and the income is only