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LOK SABHA

Tuesday, 15th May, 1956

*The Lok Sabha met at Half Past Ten of the Clock.*

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO  
QUESTIONS

DIESEL RAIL CARS ON NORTHERN  
RAILWAY

\*2198. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce Diesel Rail Cars on the Northern Railway during the Second Five Year Plan period; and

(b) if so, the total number of the cars to be introduced?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) Six new Metre Gauge Diesel Rail Cars have been put into service on the Northern Railway from 20-3-1956.

(b) On receipt of Broad Gauge Diesel Rail Cars on order, it is proposed to put into service 12 on the Northern Railway.

**Shri D. C. Sharma:** May I know how many Diesel cars are going to be ordered during the second Five Year Plan and what will be the date of arrival?

**Shri Alagesan:** As it is, we have ordered 24 M.G. and 24 B.G. Rail Cars. As I had occasion to point out several times on the floor of this House, these are being tried on an experimental basis. After the results are known, we will decide about future orders.

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**Shri D. C. Sharma:** May I know how long this experiment will last and whether some scientific assessment of this experiment has been arrived at?

**Shri Alagesan:** I am told—I am not a technical man myself—that the mechanical drive in these cars is of a new type. They have just been put on the Southern Railway and the Northern Railway. They are also going to be tried on the North Eastern Railway. After some time lapses, then only, we can be sure of the results.

ZOO AT DELHI

\*2201. **Shri Ram Krishan:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) at what stage is the proposal for the establishment of a zoological park at Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have entrusted to a German firm the work of constructing the zoo; and

(c) if so, the terms of the agreement?

**The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh):** (a) A decision to establish a Zoological-cum-Botanical Park in Delhi has been taken. A site extending over 240 acres around the Purana Qila has been selected and partly occupied. A nucleus staff has been appointed and preliminary work e.g., construction of roads, staff quarters, establishment of nursery etc. is in progress.

(b) and (c). No, Sir. The Zoo will be constructed through the C.P.W.D. The German Experts were invited for preliminary discussion before they are entrusted with preparing the lay-out and detailed designs of the Zoological Park. Government have not yet taken a final decision on this point.

**श्री रामकृष्ण :** इस स्कीम पर कुल कितनी लागत प्रायेगी?

**डा० पी० एस्० बंसमूल :** इस के पूरे होने में तो कई साल लगेंगे। भन्दाजा है कि सैकड़ फाइन इभर प्लान में इस पर ५० या ६० लाख रुपया खर्च होगा।

**Shri N. Rachiah:** May I know whether they are going to start such parks in other important cities of the country?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** No, Sir. This is the only one.

**श्री विभूति मिश्र :** मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि सरकार जो यह संस्था बना रही है इसमें कितना रिकरिंग खर्चा होगा और कितना नान-रिकरिंग खर्चा होगा ?

**लाघ और कृषि मंत्री (श्री ए० पी० जैन) :** उन्होंने यह भन्दाजा लगाया है कि इसमें एक मिलियन स्टर्लिंग के करीब खर्चा होगा। रिकरिंग खर्च का अभी कोई भन्दाजा नहीं लगाया गया है।

**श्री बंसल :** मंत्री महोदयने कहा था कि इस में कोई बाहर का फर्म काम नहीं करेगा, मगर दूसरे मंत्री जी ने कहा कि इसमें एक मिलियन पाउंड खर्चा होगा। अगर रुपया हिन्दुस्थान में ही खर्च होना है तो एक मिलियन पाउंड कैसे खर्च होगा यह मेरी समझ में नहीं आ रहा है।

**श्री ए० पी० जैन :** चूँकि यह भन्दाजा बाहर के एस्पर्ट ने लगाया है इसलिए उन्होंने एक मिलियन पाउंड कहा है। इसके आप रुपयें बना लीजिये, कोई एक करोड़ और बीस या तीस लाख रुपये होंगे।

**Shri G. S. Singh:** May I know whether Government have any scheme for procuring local and indigenous fauna and animals from other countries?

**Shri A. P. Jain:** We are collecting indigenous fauna and we are also negotiating with other countries for the import of foreign fauna.

**Shri V. P. Nayar:** I would like to know whether it is a fact that the animals in this Zoo will be kept in their natural surroundings an environment instead of in cages and I also

want to know whether the Government have any scheme for having a representative of each of the varieties of birds in India?

**Shri A. P. Jain:** Mr. Carl. Hagenbeck who is our consultant belongs to a family of Zoo specialists who have invented the keeping of animals in their natural surroundings and the idea is to keep them in their natural surroundings. As for the birds, they will be kept and we will have to work out the details.

**Shri D. C. Sharma:** May I know why Delhi has been selected for this purpose and why some other place near some forest should not have been selected for the purpose?

**Shri A. P. Jain:** To provide amusement to the hon. Member and his friends.

#### SAURASHTRA RAILWAY EMBEZZLEMENT CASE

**\*2204. Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the amount involved in the embezzlement by the four gazetted officers of ex-Saurashtra Railways was originally estimated to be Rs. 20 lakhs; and

(b) if so, the circumstances under which it was scaled down to Rs. 13 lakhs?

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

(b) The allegation is not of embezzlement but of irregular purchases. The total value of the direct purchases made by the ex-Saurashtra Railway officers by alleged misuse of their powers, amounted to Rs. 13,07,198/8/-. The Auditor General has estimated the loss involved at Rs. 5,23,792.

**Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** Since the findings of the departmental enquiry committee have been accepted by the Railway Board and they have recommended to the Union Public Service