

The Minister of Railways (Shri Jagjivan Ram): Reservation has been made for the recruitment of candidates belonging to the Scheduled Castes. The Committee has been appointed generally to examine the possibility of avenues of promotion for the employees of Class IV.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: May I know what has been the progress of work of this Committee, how many meetings have been held, whether any evidence has been taken and, if so, from how many labour unions evidence has been taken?

Shri Jagjivan Ram: I cannot exactly say how many meetings have been held. But I know that they had a meeting in Bombay and one in Calcutta. They have drafted a questionnaire. They have seen some labour representatives. As a matter of fact, two members of the Committee itself are labour leaders.

श्री भक्त बर्षान : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि अब तक इस कमेटी ने किन किन स्थानों का दौरा किया है और अपने कार्य में क्या प्रगति की है ? क्या इस का मक्षिप्त विवरण देने की कृपा की जायेगी ?

श्री जगजीवन राम : यह विवरण तो मालूम नहीं है । लेकिन यह मुझे मालूम है कि कमेटी बम्बई गई और कलकत्ते गई और शायद अब उस की मीटिंग दिल्ली में होगी ।

श्री विभूति मिश्र : मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या सरकार यह भी सोच रही है कि क्लास ३ के वर्कचारियों को क्लास २ में प्रोमोशन दिया जाये ?

श्री जगजीवन राम : यह तो माननीय सदस्य को मालूम होना चाहिये कि यह होता है ।

Shri Supakar: May I know when this Committee was appointed?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: A reference was made to the appointment of this Committee in the recent budget

speech by the hon. Minister on the 14th May, 1957.

किसानों को खाद का संरक्षण

*१२८१. श्री विभूति मिश्र : क्या खाद तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार ने विभिन्न राज्य सरकारों को, किसानों को खेतों के लिये ठीक समय पर खाद संभरण की किसी योजना के बारे में हाल ही में कोई निर्देश दिये हैं ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उस का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

कृषि मंत्री (श्री मो० वे० कृष्णप्पा) :

(क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न ही नहीं होता ।

श्री विभूति मिश्र : सरकार को इस बात की बेचैनी है कि हिन्दुस्तान में खाद सामग्री बढ़े, लेकिन खादर, जो कि इस के लिये बहुत जरूरी है, उस के बांटने की कोई योजना नहीं बनाती । मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या खादर के बांटने के लिये कोई योजना बनाई जा रही है, ताकि खाद पदार्थ की पैदावार में वृद्धि हो ?

खाद तथा कृषि मंत्र. (श्री म० प्र० जैन) : जी, ऐसी बात नहीं है कि केन्द्रीय सरकार इस में कोई दिलचस्पी नहीं रखती । प्रश्न यह था कि क्या हाल में कोई ऐसे आदेश दिये गये हैं । हाल में तो ऐसे आदेश नहीं दिये गये लेकिन बार बार जब मौका होता है तो हम इस बात के लिये उन में कहते हैं कि किसानों को समय पर खाद मिलनी चाहिये ।

श्री विभूति मिश्र : हर एक जिले में करीब करीब २० या २५ पुलिस स्टेशन होते हैं । मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या सरकार उन के द्वारा किसानों को खादर बंटवाने का इन्तिजाम करना चाहती है ?

श्री ए० प्र० जैन केन्द्रीय सरकार राज्य सरकार को खाद देती है और जहाँ तक बन सकता है समय पर देती है। राज्य सरकार अपनी एजेंसी द्वारा उस को बटवाती है। यही तरीका बरता जाता है और उस के अलावा और कोई प्रबन्ध नहीं हो सकता।

Shri Shivananjappa: May I know whether manure is made available to the ryot at subsidised rates?

श्री ए० प्र० जैन इस के ऊपर कोई नफा नहीं कमाया जाता और न इस में कोई नुकसान बरदाश्त किया जाता है।

Shri Shivananjappa: In English

Shri A. P. Jain: It is supplied at no-profit no-loss basis

Shri Yajnik. Is Government aware that very serious complaints have been published in the newspapers about black-marketing being done in these fertilizers and that they are stocked by some stockists in very large quantities while there are other stockists who do not get sufficient quantities after they have paid to the State Government thousands of rupees which remain with them for months together without their receiving the fertilizers in return?

Shri A P Jain There have been occasional complaints of black-marketing in fertilizers, the reason being that the fertilizers are in short supply and the trade sometimes misbehaves. We are trying to take every possible step to see that this sort of malpractices are suppressed. But nonetheless it so happens that they do take place.

Shri Ranga: Is anything being done to bring down the prices in view of the fact that recently they have been raised from thirty to fifty per cent?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: If there is some decrease in the general price of procurement and of freight, then we can consider. At present the procurement prices in the international market have gone up. The freight rates have also gone up. There was addi-

tional expenditure due to the closure of the Suez Canal and ships had to be diverted. And all this adds to the cost of the fertilizers.

Shri Venkatasubbalah: In view of the complaints that fertilizers are not properly distributed, may I know whether any arrangement is being made to supply the fertilizers through co-operative societies and marketing committees, and, if so, what is the arrangement that Government has made so far?

Shri A. P. Jain: I do not accept that there is a general mal-administration in the supply of fertilizers. And in many of the States fertilizers are being distributed through co-operative societies. In fact we are continuously pressing upon the State Governments the desirability of distributing them through co-operative societies.

Bhutanese Students' Training

*1283. **Shri S. C. Samanta:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state

(a) the number of students from Bhutan who have been given facilities by Government for training in River gauge and Rain-gauge observations in India to-date,

(b) whether persons trained in this line are working in the operations for the flood control,

(c) whether there are any conditions imposed on the students who received scholarships for this training from the Government of India, and

(d) whether the Bhutan students are proposed to be trained in any other subjects pertaining to the Ministry of Irrigation and Power?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathl): (a) to (d). A statement containing the requisite information is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha [See Appendix III, annexure No 130]