

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan : Owing to very heavy unprecedented rains the trains were delayed and the services were disrupted. As the trains steamed into the station one of our ticket checking staff saw a third-class passenger alighting from a second-class compartment. He went and asked for the ticket and in turn he was belaboured. That is all that happened.

Food Production

*358. **Shri Sanganna** : Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1783 on 5th September, 1956 in respect of the food production and state :

(a) whether any State Governments have asked for additional allocation of the amounts; and

(b) if so, which are these States and with what results?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh) : (a) and (b). Yes. Additional allocations were asked for by the following (pre-reorganization) States by way of (a) increased provision for some of the schemes already included in the Plan and/or (b) provision for new schemes not included in the Plan :—

Assam, Bihar, Bombay, Madhya Pradesh, Madras, Orissa, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Madhya Bharat, Mysore, Pepsu, Rajasthan, Saurashtra, Ajmer, Travancore-Cochin and Vindhya Pradesh.

However, in reviewing the targets of agricultural production on the meetings held for the purpose, State Govts., in common with the Ministry of Agriculture and the Planning Commission, proceeded on the assumption that maximum possible efforts should be made by all concerned within the resources allotted for agriculture under the Plan.

Owing to the speeding up of certain parts of the programme it was recognised that at later stages it might be necessary in some instances to make small additions to the allotments available for agriculture, through internal adjustments and other ways. A few States also indicated possibilities of achieving higher targets than those recently agreed if additional schemes were approved. It is proposed to consider these schemes from time to time in the light of the progress made in actual implementation of the programmes agreed to in the discussions that have taken place.

Shri Sanganna : May I know whether the Government are in a position to give an idea of the present food situation keeping in view the recent country-wide flood disaster and the coming harvest season in the country?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain) : Sir, two new factors have come into the food situation. One is the international crisis on Suez. So far as that is concerned, our supplies are not going to be seriously affected except that there may be some rise in freight. But, of course, there has been a sort of psychological development in the trade and they are trying to withhold stocks. I am sure that it is going to be a short-term phenomenon.

Another thing is the unprecedented floods in Bengal and Uttar Pradesh in particular. There have been quite a number of extra demands on account of these floods. We have been meeting those demands and we hope to meet those demands when the next harvest crop, particularly rice, is reaped, and it is coming up shortly. I do not anticipate any difficulty.

Shri Sanganna : May I know whether the observations made by the recent Indian Delegation to China have been intimated to the State Governments for their consideration?

Shri A. P. Jain : It is never the practice to intimate the observations of a Delegation to others. Of course, the observations are examined in the Ministry and only those portions of the observations which are accepted by the Ministry are communicated to the State Governments for implementation. A report may generally be sent for consideration of the State Governments but that is quite another thing.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Ticketless Travel

*338. **Shri Jhulan Sinha** : Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a magisterial checking of passengers travelling without tickets in certain trains was recently held at Kunraghat North Eastern Railway (sometime in early September 1956) and that out of 130 passengers travelling by that train as many as 60 were found to be Railway servants; and

(b) whether special steps have been or are proposed to be taken to deal with such cases?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan) : (a) On 10-9-56, in raids conducted by Ticket Checking Squads on 4 trains at Kunraghat Railway Station, 130 passengers were detected travelling without tickets, out of whom 60 were Railway employees.

(b) All the steps that are being taken and are being intensified to tackle ticketless travelling, are directed against all ticketless travellers including railway servants. Further, departmental action is taken against railway employees travelling without tickets based on the merits of each case, in addition to realisation of fares and penalty charges due as from other ticketless travellers.

Wheat from U.S.A.

*339. { **Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad :**
Shri Velayudhan :
Shri Bibhuti Mishra :

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state :

(a) by what time the first shipment of U.S. wheat under the Indo-U.S. Agreement on Imports of Surplus Agricultural Commodities is expected to arrive at an Indian port; and

(b) what would be the quantity?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain) : (a) The first ship has already reached Bombay, on 9-11-56.

(b) 8,500 tons.

Nagarjunasagar Dam

*343. **Shri K. S. Rao :** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount spent upto the end of October, 1956 for the construction of Nagarjunasagar Dam;

(b) whether Government propose to accelerate the pace of work; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi) : (a) Rs. 1,18,75,972 on the Dam and Rs. 52,80,730 on canals.

(b) and (c). The Government are greatly interested in the speedy execution of the Project and have recently ordered the transfer of a batching plant from Hirakud to Nagarjunasagar to enable the project authorities to make an early start on the construction of the dam. The programme of work has been drawn up by the Nagarjunasagar Control Board and no special steps are at present visualised to accelerate it.

Planning Commission Officers' Visit to China

*345. **Shri Velayudhan :** Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Planning Commission had sent their officers to China during the last summer; and

(b) what was the purpose of this visit to China?

The Deputy Minister of Planning (Shri S. N. Mishra) : (a) and (b). Two officers of the Planning Commission went to China this year as members of the delegations sponsored by the Ministry of Agriculture and the Indian Statistical Institute. The object of the delegation sponsored by the Ministry of Agriculture was to study techniques of agricultural production and of the delegation sponsored by the Indian Statistical Institute to study planning techniques in China.

Convention on Indigenous Systems of Medicines

*348. { **Shri Dhulekar :**
Shri Shree Narayan Das :

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state :

(a) whether a Convention of the Representatives of the State Boards and Faculties of Ayurveda and Unani Tibia was held in Delhi in September, 1956;

(b) whether the Convention has submitted its recommendations to the Government of India;

(c) if so, what are its main features; and

(d) what recommendations have been accepted by the Government so far?

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

(b) Yes.

(c) A statement containing the information is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 45].

(d) The recommendations are under consideration.

फल और शाक विकास बोर्ड

*३४९. श्री भक्त दर्शन : क्या खाद्य और कृषि मंत्री ७ अगस्त, १९५६ के तारांकित प्रश्न संख्या ७८९ के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि फल और