

Priority to Exported Goods

347. Shri P. K. Deo: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether railway wagons loaded with goods for export will hereforth be marked with the label "Priority for Export" for facilitating faster movement of such goods;

(b) who will mark the wagons with these labels;

(c) whether it will affect the movement of other goods for domestic consumption; and

(d) whether there has been any change in the priority already fixed for such movement due to this new procedure?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) and (b). Consignors have been permitted to put a large label on the wagons containing goods for export reading as "for export only—push on" and not "Priority for export".

(c) and (d). No.

Wheat Ships held up at Vishakhapatnam Port

348. Shri P. K. Deo: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government incurred heavy losses for having held up five American and two Panama ships carrying wheat in Vishakhapatnam port due to delay in unloading;

(b) if so, how much loss has been incurred by Government;

(c) the difficulty in unloading the wheat stocks; and

(d) whether the transport bottleneck is to be relieved by transferring the stock to the coastal shipping?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) and (b). Six American and one Panamanian ships carrying wheat arrived in Vishakhapatnam in September 1962. These

ships lightened part of their cargo at Vishakhapatnam before proceeding to Calcutta for discharge. The time sheets in respect of the discharge of these vessels have not as yet been finalised and it is not, therefore, possible to estimate the exact demurrage payable in these cases. It is, however, likely that some demurrage will be payable in respect of these ships.

(c) The clearance of ship depends on berthing facilities, availability of rail transport, clearnace of transit sheds, unloading of ships and output of labour.

(d) About 6,000 tons of wheat was moved to Calcutta in September 1962 and another 6,800 tons in October 1962 by coastal vessels. A further quantity of about 11,000 tons of wheat is expected to be moved by coastal vessels during November, 1962.

Tallah Bridge

349. Shrimati Renu Chakravarty: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 576 on the 3rd May, 1962 and state:

(a) how far preliminary work has progressed on broadening and strengthening Tallah bridge spanning Chitpur Railway yard; and

(b) when the State Government will actually start construction?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) and (b). This Road Bridge work is being done by the State Government of West Bengal. It is learnt that the State Government have completed plans and estimates and have also awarded the contract for the work. It is gathered that the State Government will take up the actual construction of the bridge after making suitable arrangement for diversion of road traffic, as otherwise the dismantling of the existing bridge would cause much inconvenience.

Covering over Platform on Northeast Frontier Railway

350. Shri N. R. Laskar: Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the large number of Stations on North East Frontier Railway are not provided with covering over the platforms;

(b) if so, the total number of platforms which are not provided with covering over platforms; and

(c) what amount if any has been earmarked for this purpose for the current year?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan):

(a) A large number of Stations on North East Frontier Railway and also on other Railways are not yet provided with covering over the platforms due to funds and resources being limited.

(b) 357 stations.

(c) Rs. 2.50 lakhs.

Postal Services

351. { Shri Tulsidas Jadhav:
Shri Shivaji Rao S. Deshmukh:
Shri Jedhe:
Shri Rawandale:
Shri Kisan Veer:
Shri V. T. Patil:
Shri J. S. Patil:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state how many villages were covered by postal services in Maharashtra by the end of Second Five Year Plan period?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Bhagavati): 35,302.

Marketing of Agriculture Produce

352. { Shri Rameshwar Tantia:
Shri Sham Lal Saraf:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to lay a statement on the Table showing:

(a) the names of various statutes enacted by Central and State Governments for the regulation of marketing of agriculture produce; and

(b) how far these statutes have been helpful in regulating marketing?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) and (b). A statement furnishing the requisite information is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 45].

Ticketless Travelling

353. **Shri Kajrolkar:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the figures of ticketless travellers caught and the amount recovered from them during 1961-62; and

(b) the cost involved in this collection during the same period?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) About 8 millions and Rs. 2.03 crores respectively.

(b) Rs. 2.83 crores (approximately) inclusive of stationary ticket collectors at stations.

Import of Railway Equipment

354. **Shri Kajrolkar:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the quantity and value of imports year-wise for 1959, 1960 and 1961 in respect of:

(a) steel rails (BG., MG., or others),

(b) steel sleeper material,

(c) wooden sleepers,

(d) steam locomotives (BG., MG., or others)?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 46].

खाद्यान्न में आत्मनिर्भरता ।

३५५. श्री बाल्मोकी : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) कौन कौन से खाद्यान्न ऐसे ह जिन में आत्मनिर्भरता देश को प्राप्त हो गई है;