

यातायात के लिये खोल दिया गया था। पिछली बरसात में पुल के पहुंच मांग कई जगहों पर टूट गये थे। इन पहुंच मार्गों में अब विटुमिन मिली रोड़ी बिछाई जा रही है। इसलिये इस समय पुल यातायात के लिये खुला नहीं है। रोड़ी बिछाने का काम संभवतः नवम्बर, १९६३ तक पूरा हो जायेगा।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता है।

तूफान एक्सप्रेस

१०४. { श्री श्रीकारलाल बेरवा :
श्री यशपाल सिंह :
श्री विश्वनाथ पांडेय :

क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि तूफान एक्सप्रेस में २२ सितम्बर, १९६३ को मथुरा स्टेशन पर ही २ डिब्बों में आग लग गई थी; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस का क्या कारण था और कितनी जान तथा धन की हानि हुई ?

रेलवे मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री सै० बे० रामस्वामी) : (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) सवाल नहीं उठता।

Radio-Photo Link

105. **Dr. L. M. Singhvi:** Will the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs be pleased to state:

(a) the countries with which India has direct radio-photo links;

(b) whether radio-photo service is accessible to press correspondents and private individuals in this country;

(c) whether the Government of India have any radio-photo links with the People's Republic of China; and

(d) whether Government propose to discontinue the same?

The Deputy Minister in the Department of Posts and Telegraphs (Shri Bhagavati): (a) India has direct Radio-photo services with the People's Republic of China, France, Federal Republic of Germany, Italy, Japan, Poland, U.K. and U.S.S.R.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes.

(d) There is no proposal at present to discontinue the service.

Milk Crisis in Delhi

106. { **Dr. L. M. Singhvi:**
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:
Shri Gokaran Prasad:
Shri Sidheshwar Prasad:

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

(a) whether Government are aware that there was an acute milk crisis in Delhi during the last three weeks of September and in the third week of October, 1963; and

(b) if so, the precautionary measures taken to ensure against recurrence of similar breakdowns in future?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) Because of heavy rains on 15-16th September, 1963, which resulted in serious flooding of areas which constitute the milkshed of the Delhi Milk Scheme, supply of milk to Delhi suddenly went down very seriously. Flooding caused destruction of fodder crops and outbreak of diseases, both parasitic and infectious, amongst milch animals, which accentuated the position regarding short supply. Further more, the position became more acute because of the increased demand on account of festivals.

(b) The shortage was basically due to circumstances beyond the control of Delhi Milk Scheme. But for that, it was hoped, the milk supply position was showing signs of being very easy

this year. As a precautionary measure, for the future, the Delhi Milk Scheme is being equipped with a Deep-freeze room for storing nearly 100 tonnes of butter, which will be used for the preparation of recombined milk to tide over brief periods of short supply of milk like the one mentioned above.

Cooperative Rice Mills

107. Dr. L. M. Singhvi: Will the Minister of Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are giving preferential treatment to co-operative rice mills in different paddy growing districts;

(b) whether such preferences, are being shown to the detriment or discrimination of existing rice mills and processing units in the private sector; and

(c) whether it is a fact that there are only a few co-operative societies coming forward for starting rice mills?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Shyam Dhar Misra): (a) The State Governments, with a view to facilitating the marketing of paddy through cooperatives, have been advised to give reference to co-operatives in establishing rice mills in suitable areas keeping in view the requirements of the hand pound- ing industry.

(b) The total number of rice mills in the country is of the order of 40,000. Since the new rice mills expected to be set up in the cooperative sector during the Third Plan will be about 350, their impact on the private sector mills will be negligible.

(c) The advice to give preference to cooperatives was communicated to State Governments only recently. It is expected that a number of cooperative marketing societies that generally instal rice mills, will avail of this facility.

Package Programme in Kerala

108. Shri A. K. Gopalan: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in implementing the Package Programme for food production in Kerala; and

(b) the extent of financial assistance so far given to the State Government in this connection?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [*Placed in Library. See No. LT-1836/63.*]

Minor Ports in Kerala

109. Shri A. K. Gopalan: Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) the total financial assistance so far given to Kerala Government for developing minor ports in the State during the Third Plan;

(b) how much of this amount has been spent so far; and

(c) the progress so far made in implementing the scheme for which the assistance was given?

The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) The amount of loan so far given to the Kerala Government is Rs. 2.92 lakhs.

(b) The total expenditure incurred by the State Government on centrally assisted schemes is Rs. 6.16 lakhs.

(c) The progress of implementation of these schemes so far is indicated in the attached—laid on the Table of the House. [*Placed in Library. See No. LT-1837/63.*]