Konkan Ferry Service

Shri Raghunath Singh:

130. | Shri Bade:
| Shri Kachhavaiya:
| Shri Nath Pai:

Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Konkan Ferry Service has been resumed on the promise that Maharashtra Government would pay the subsidy for 1961-62 in lieu of the increase in fares and cost of repairs and that for the period 1962-63 will be determined by a Committee?

The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport (Shri Raj Bahadur): The Konkan Coastal steamer service has been resumed on the understanding that—

- (i) for 1961-62:
- (a) the subsidy in lieu of increase of fares would be paid by the Government of Maharashtra.
- (b) the subsidy on account of excess cost of repairs of ships would be paid by the Government of Maharashtra and the Government of India in equal shares; and
- (ii) for 1962-63 onwards the quantum of subsidy to be paid would be determined by a Committee to be appointed.

Lanka Station

131. $\begin{cases} Shri & P. & R. & Chakraverti: \\ Shri & P. & C. & Borooah: \end{cases}$

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

- (a) whether an aviation spirit wagon at Lanka station (N.E.F.R.) caught fire on or about the 9th October, 1963 causing a number of casualties;
- (b) if so, the number of persons killed and injured; and
 - (c) the cause of the fire?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawas

- Khan): (a) Yes. But the incident occurred on 8th October, 1963.
 - (b) Out of 13 injured, 7 succumbed.
- (c) According to Government Railway Police report, the cause of the fire was due to one person having filled his Cigarette Lighter with leaking aviation spirit from one of the wagons, tested the lighter, which produced the naked flame. This caused the aviation spirit gas to lignite.

खेती के योग्य बंजर भूमि

१३२. \int श्री रामसेवक यादव : λ श्री सरजू पांडेय :

क्या लाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

- (क) इस समय देश में राज्यवार खेती लायक बंजर जमीन कितनी है;
- (ख) क्या प्रथम, हितीय तथा तीसरी योजना में ग्रभी तक कुछ बंजर जमीन खेती के योग्य बनाई गई है;
- (ग) यदि हां, तो कितनी, कहां-कहां तथा खेती लायक पड़ी बंजर जमीन में श्रीर खेती के योग्य बनाई गई जमीन में क्या श्रनुपात है; श्रीर
- (घ) क्या सरकार बाकी खेती लायक बंजर जमीन पर खेती कर खाद्यान्न की कमी पूरा करने के लिये श्रन्न सेना के निर्माण पर विचार कर रही है श्रौर उसकी रूप रेखा क्य। है ?

खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य-मंत्री (डा॰ राम सुभग सिंह): (क) से (ग) पूछी हुई जानकारी राज्यों/संघ क्षेत्रों से इकट्ठी की जा रही है ग्रीर मिलते ही सभा पटल पर रख दीं जायेगी।

(घ) बाकी खेती योग्य बंजर भूमि पर खेती कर खाद्यान्न की कमी पूरा करने के लिये भ्रम्न सेना के निर्माण के विषय में कोई प्रस्ताव