

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: Yes, they had asked for a grant. But since we are not in a position to give any grant, we have offered a loan.

Shri Hem Raj: On what basis are grants made in such cases to the State Governments?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I think it was only in the exceptional case of Orissa that we gave a grant. Otherwise, we have not given any grant to any other State.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know whether the Punjab Government have indicated the place where the college will be located?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: Probably, my hon. friend knows better

Shri D. C. Sharma: Does not my hon. friend know this?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: A permanent building for a college at Ludhiana.

SHIVA RAO COMMITTEE

*2478. **Shri Raghuramaiah:** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to refer to the answer given to starred question No. 1900 asked on the 10th April, 1954 and state:

(a) whether the Committee set up to review the work on the future of Employment Exchanges in India has submitted its report; and

(b) if so, whether a copy of the Report would be laid on the Table of the House?

The Minister of Labour (Shri V. V. Giri): (a) Yes.

(b) A copy has since been laid on the Table of the House.

Shri Raghuramaiah: May I know whether Government have taken any decision on the various recommendations made in that report, and if not when they are likely to take a decision?

Shri V. V. Giri: The report has just now been placed on the Table of the

House. Government have to study the implications of that report.

Shri Raghuramaiah: Since the report affects the States vitally both in the matter of day to day management of the Exchanges and the method of recruitment to the State services, may I know whether the States would be consulted before a decision is taken by Government.

Shri V. V. Giri: Certainly.

Shri Bansal: May I know whether it is proper for Government to issue the report in the Press just on the morning of the same day on which a question has to be answered in the House?

Shri V. V. Giri: They have done it at the earliest possible moment.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: May I know whether Government propose to place the Employment Exchanges on a permanent footing?

Shri V. V. Giri: That is one of their recommendations.

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*२४७९. श्री बी० पी० सिंह: क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि २३ अप्रैल, १९५४ को या उसके लगभग जमालपुर में एक कर्मचारी-गाड़ी के साथ दुर्घटना हो गई ; तथा

(ख) यदि हां, तो दुर्घटना के क्या कारण थे ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) At about 7-10 hours on 22nd April, 1954, while No. 1 Up Sultanganj-Jamalpur Workmen's train was entering Jamalpur station, its engine and a water tank

and 2 bogies next to it dashed against the leaf of a gate.

(b) The accident was caused by the gate leaf fouling the running line as a result of a bump previously received by it from a shunting engine.

श्री बी० पी० सिंह : क्या इस सम्बन्ध में जिस अधिकारी के जरिये से यह दुर्घटना हुई है उसके विरुद्ध कोई जांच की गई है ?

रेल्व तथा परिवहन मंत्री (श्री एल० बी० शास्त्री) : जी हाँ, जांच की गई है ।

श्री बी० पी० सिंह : यह जो दुर्घटना हुई है उसमें किसी की मृत्यु भी हुई है ?

श्री एल० बी० शास्त्री : जी नहीं, किसी की मृत्यु नहीं हुई ।

श्री बी० पी० सिंह : क्या सरकार को मालम है कि इसी प्रकार की दुर्घटना ८ मार्च को घोरघाट में हुई थी और उस में एक कांग्रेसमैन की मृत्यु हो गई थी ?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Member refers to another accident, I think.

श्री बी० पी० सिंह : इसी प्रकार से आठ मार्च को एक रेलवे दुर्घटना हुई थी, क्या सरकार को मालूम है कि उसमें एक कांग्रेसमैन की मृत्यु हो गई थी ?

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Member is referring to some other accident, which is not the subject-matter of this question.

Shri L. N. Mishra: May I know whether the Railway Accidents Enquiry Committee headed by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport has submitted its report, and if so, its chief recommendations?

Shri L. B. Shastri: Some staff have been held responsible.

Shri L. N. Mishra: No. I want to know whether the Enquiry Committee

headed by the Parliamentary Secretary has submitted its report.

Shri L. B. Shastri: We have just received their report, I think a week back, and it is difficult for me to say anything on the recommendations of that Committee.

श्री आर० एन० सिंह : मैं जान सकता हूँ कि रेलवे में इतनी दुर्घटनायें होने का प्रमुख कारण क्या है ?

Mr. Speaker: He puts too general a question. It is also very wide.

श्री एल० बी० शास्त्री : दुर्घटनायें तो ज्यादा नहीं होती हैं, लेकिन अखबारों में आजकल ज्यादा निकलने लगी हैं, इस लिये वह ज्यादा मालूम होती हैं ।

WATER SCARCITY IN RAJASTHAN

***2480 Shri Bheekha Bhal:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has arisen a serious water scarcity in Jodhpur and other Divisions of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken or are being taken by the Centre to mitigate the horrors of water scarcity; and

(c) whether it is a fact that a bucket of water is being sold at six annas?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) to (c). The information is being obtained from the State Government and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Shri Bheekha Bhal: Is it a fact that a newspaper by name *Jansatta* reported that due to scarcity of water, ladies have to wait for hours together in the city of Jodhpur.

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: May I repeat the answer given by my hon. colleague,