

(c) Security arrangements have been tightened on all railways. Empty rakes in stabling yards are pad-locked or key-locked besides, sainiks have been posted to keep watch in stabling yards and they have also been deputed to travel in trains. Guards of trains have also been instructed to keep an eye on empty compartments of the trains in their charge.

### रेल-समुद्र समन्वय समिति

\*१२११. श्री जू० चं० सोबिया : क्या परिवहन मंत्री २१ जुलाई, १९५६ के तारांकित प्रश्न सं० १८१ के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को रेल-समुद्र समन्वय समिति की रिपोर्ट प्राप्त हो गई है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो कब और सरकार उस पर क्या कार्यवाही कर रही है ; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो रिपोर्ट कब तक प्राप्त हो जायेगी ?

एलब तथा परिवहन उपमंत्री (श्री धनगेशन) : (क) अभी तक नहीं मिली है ।

(ख) सवाल ही नहीं पैदा होता :

(ग) आशा है कि रिपोर्ट अगले साल के शुरू तक प्राप्त हो जायेगी ।

### Rice from China

\*१२१२. श्री Bheekha Bhai : Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether a shipment of rice has been received from China under the Sino-Indian Agreement; and

(b) if so, how many more shipments are to be received and when?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh) : (a) Yes, Sir. Two shipments have already been received.

(b) Six more shipments are expected to be received in the course of this month and the next.

### Uniforms for Railway Conductor Guards

\*१२१३. श्री Kamath : Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the date on which orders sanctioning uniforms for conductor-guards on the Central Railway were issued;

(b) whether the orders have been implemented and uniforms supplied to those guards;

(c) whether uniforms for winter as well as summer will be supplied; and

(d) if the answer to part (b) is in the negative, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) 26-4-1956.

(b) No.

(c) Yes.

(d) Summer uniforms will be supplied for the next summer, as the orders were issued too late for implementing this year. It was intended to supply winter uniforms this year but there has been delay, the reasons for which are being investigated.

### Tungabhadra Dam

\*१२१४. श्री Krishnacharya Joshi: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tungabhadra Dam will be completed by the end of December 1956 as scheduled;

(b) whether the Dam Power House will also be completed by the end of December 1956; and

(c) if not, the reason for the same?

The Deputy Minister of Planning (Shri S. N. Mishra): (a) Yes, Sir, except for the hoisting arrangements for shutters of 13 spans of the spillway.

(b) The power house on the right side of the Dam is expected to be commissioned by the end of December, 1956 as scheduled.

(c) Does not arise.

### Passenger Amenities

\*१२१५. श्री Dabhi : Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have undertaken a complete survey of amenities that are necessary in the stations on the

Western, Northern, North-Eastern and Southern Railways; and

(b) if so, when is the survey likely to be completed?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** (a) and (b). Yes. A complete survey of amenities that are necessary at the stations on Western, Northern, North-Eastern and Southern Railways has already been undertaken and completed.

**Dairy Development Scheme in Punjab**

\*1216. **Shri D. C. Sharma :** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state how far the State of Punjab is going to be benefitted by the Dairy Development Scheme envisaged in the Second Five Year Plan?

**The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh) :** A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 83].

**Lac Production**

\*1217. **Shri Bibhuti Mishra :** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government contemplate any plan to develop lac production in various States especially in Bihar; and

(b) if so, the nature of the plan and the period within which it is to be implemented?

**The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh) :** (a) Yes.

(b) The plan aims at increasing production of lac in the country to 16 lakhs maunds by 1960-61 through establishment of brood lac farms, survey of idle host plants and other lac extension work.

**Trivandrum Medical College**

\*1218. { **Shri A. K. Gopalan;**  
**Shri A. M. Thomas;**

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether any investigation has been conducted into the working of the Medical College at Trivandrum; and

(b) if so, with what results?]

**The Deputy Minister of Health (Shrimati Chandrasekhar) :** (a) The answer is in the affirmative.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 84].

**Sale of Fruits on Railway Stations**

\*1219. { **Thakur Jugal Kishore**  
**Sinha;**  
**Babu Ramnarayan Singh;**  
**Shri Deegam;**  
**Shri Kamath;**

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the steps that are taken to ensure that the prices of fruits sold at railway stations are not at a higher rate than those obtaining in the market?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan) :** Local market rates for fruits are ascertained daily at certain important stations and at less frequent intervals at other stations, and rates to be charged at Railway stations are fixed accordingly.

Frequent inspections and surprise checks are made by officers of the Commercial Department to ensure that the rates at stations are not unduly higher than those prevailing in the local markets.

**बीकानेर स्टेशन को हटाना**

\*1220. **श्री प० सा० बाबूपाल :** क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या रेलवे क्रॉसिंग की कठिनाई को दूर करने के लिये बीकानेर रेलवे स्टेशन को हटाने की कोई योजना है ; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो कब तक उसके पूर्ण हो जाने की आशा है ?

रेलवे तथा परिवहन उपमंत्री (श्री शाहनवाज खाँ) : (क) राज्य सरकार से एक सुझाव मिला है जिसमें कहा गया है कि बीकानेर शहर से गुजरने वाली रेलवे लाइन का रास्ता बदल दिया जाये। इस पर विचार हो रहा है।