

the Committee which was presided over by Mr. Driver. I should think that the report is already available. I shall look into it. At least, copies can be placed in the library.

Shri A. K. Gopalan: What are the Government's difficulties in the way of subsidising the price of coal in South India?

Shri Alagesan: I should not like to go into the question, but I may inform the hon. Member that the Production Ministry also are examining the question of equilisation of the freight on coal distributed all over the country. The report in question has been sent to the Ministry of Production also. Before taking a decision in the matter, they will also give due weight to the matter. The matter is already being examined in the Production Ministry.

Shri V. P. Nayar: I understand that two Ministries are enquiring about it. Could I know whether, when a final decision is taken and a subsidy is recommended, in the case of these two States, retrospective effect will be given to the grant of subsidy from the date on which the enquiry commenced?

Shri Alagesan: I think it is too much for me to say anything on such questions.

Suburban Railway Services

*43 { **Shri Dabhi:**
Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:
Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:
Shri S. C. Samanta:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the answer given to Starred Question No. 1400 on the 25th August, 1956 and state:

(a) whether the recommendations of the Committee set up to investigate into the problem of excessive overcrowding during the peak hours in suburban railway services at Bombay, Calcutta and Madras have since been examined;

(b) if so, the nature of the decision arrived at; and

(c) whether any action has been initiated to implement the same?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) to (c). The recommendations are still under examination.

Shri Dabhi: May I know whether copies of the report of the Committee are available to the Members of Parliament as well as to the public and, if not why not?

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan: Copies of the report are under print and I hope they will be available very soon.

Shri Dabhi: May I know how long will it take for the Government to take a decision?

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan: The report of the Committee was received by the Ministry on 9th April, 1956. There after, the report was circulated to the railways for their remarks. Then, on the 23rd August, a meeting of all the Chief Operating Superintendents was held and certain decisions were arrived at, and those decisions are under circulation among the Railway Board and the Minister. I hope a decision will be taken very soon.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether the Committee has suggested that the congestion during peak hours in Bombay is less because of electrification, than in Madras and Calcutta?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): I cannot say that the congestion there is as great as perhaps in Calcutta. But it is difficult to compare the two. The congestion is great in both the areas.

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: In view of the fact that the whole system of transport has been reviewed under this new report submitted by the Expert Committee, may I know what interim and immediate steps Government propose to take before the finalisation of the decisions on the report, so as to meet the acute transport difficulties in Bombay especially?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): The hon. Member has mixed up many things. This question pertains to overcrowding on the suburban services. We have recently imported a number of E.M.U. coaches to meet the shortage in the railways. The supply of these coaches will help a great deal in reducing overcrowding during the peak period.

Besides that, several recommendations have been made by this Committee and we have accepted many of them. But it is not easy to implement all those recommendations immediately. For example, they have said that the ladies' compartment should be abolished and should be withdrawn. It is not easy to accept that recommendation, but we have decided that in the case of upper class ladies' compartments, we might agree to the suggestion and we could withdraw them. Similarly, they have made other

recommendations which we are trying to implement, and it will not take much time. I think within a month or so, we will be able to implement some of them and reduce over-crowding to some extent at least.

Chinese Agricultural Science Study Mission

*44. **Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad**: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Chinese Agricultural Science Study Mission after its tour has suggested any method to improve Indian Agriculture?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): No. The Chinese Mission has not yet concluded its tour of the country. The Mission is not expected to submit any formal report, not at any rate to the Government of India.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: To what aspect of our agricultural life is this Mission giving its special attention?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: It is a somewhat comprehensive delegation. It consists of 2 persons who have divided themselves into three groups. One group is interested in studying the institutes of agriculture another group is concerning itself with animal husbandry and so on. They want in fact, to have a general view of all agricultural progress in the country including research institutes.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: Could we have any idea as to the time by which the Mission would be able to finish its study tour and submit a report to the Government?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): There is no question of their submitting any report to us. We have not appointed them. The Chinese Government have sent the experts. We have gladly welcomed them; we have discussed matters with them. We got ideas from them; they got ideas from us — good enough. There is no question of their submitting any report to us.

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: My friend wanted to know when the tour would be completed. They are expected to leave on the 26th of November.

Shri B. S. Murthy: May I know whether there is any programme for this mission to meet agricultural officers and experts of India and have mutual exchange of ideas?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): They have

been meeting our agricultural experts and officers of the Central as well as State Governments.

श्रीमती कमलेश्वरमति शाह: क्या यह सत्य है कि इस देश में जापानी ढंग से की जाने वाली खेती को छोड़ दिया गया है, क्योंकि उस पर अधिक व्यय घाता है और अब अपने ढंग से की जाने वाली खेती को अपना लिया गया है, क्योंकि उस पर कम व्यय घाता है ?

श्री अ० प्र० जैन: ऐसा कुछ नहीं है कि हमने जापान के तरीके से जो खेती करनी शुरू की थी, उस को छोड़ दिया गया है। हम उस को और बढ़ा रहे हैं।

Shri V. P. Nayar: The hon. Prime Minister said that some problems were discussed with this Mission. I would like to know whether the possibility of combining agricultural operations with piscicultural operations and the possibility of developing both together were discussed with this Chinese Mission?

Shri A. P. Jain: I cannot say whether it was discussed with the Chinese Mission; but, our people are giving attention to combining the cultivation of rice and the rearing of fish.

Train Accident

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*45. { **Shri Gidwani**:
 Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
 Shri Krishnacharya Joshi:
 Shri Ram Krishan:
 Shri Kamath:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the inquiry into the accident of 565 Down Secunderabad Dhornachallam Passenger Train had been completed and referred to a high judicial officer for further scrutiny;

(b) whether that officer has submitted his report to Government; and

(c) if so, what is the nature of the report?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) The Report of the Government Inspector of Railways has not so far been received, but is now expected soon. The reference to a judicial officer could only be decided after its receipt.