

increase production of foodgrains in Tripura:—

- (i) Chemical fertilizers, improved seeds and bonemeal are being distributed among cultivators at subsidised rates.
- (ii) Pumping sets are being let out to cultivators at a concessional rate. The sets are also sold to them at cost price which is payable in easy instalments.
- (iii) Seed farms have been opened for the multiplication of improved varieties of seed for distribution to cultivators.
- (iv) Cultivators are being educated in improved methods of cultivation and use of local manurial resources.
- (v) Loans are being given to cultivators for increasing food production.

(b) An Agricultural school has been established to impart training in improved agriculture to sons of cultivators. Training of farm leaders in approved methods of agriculture is also being organised in the Development Blocks to ensure increased food production through rural leaders.

(c) No such proposal is under consideration at present.

Ship "ALLEGEA" in Distress

1086. Shri Raghunath Singh: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a ship named "Allegea" which sprang a leak in one of its holds on the high seas about 450 miles west of Bombay transmitted as S.O.S. for help to save the life of the crew; and

(b) if so, what steps were taken by the Indian Marine Department or any Indian ship to save the said ship?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). It is a fact that the ship "Allegra" of Panama Nationality (and not 'Allegea') sprang a leak in No. 1 hold while she was about 700 miles from Bombay and sent out a general distress message for assistance to save the crew. The need for taking any steps by the Mercantile Marine Department or by an Indian ship for the rescue of the crew did not however arise, as at about the same time another message was received stating that the British Ship R.M.S. "Carthage" on her way to Aden was proceeding to the scene and that she did actually rescue 23 out of 24 crew on the 21st July, 1958. The fate of the missing member of the crew is not known.

Engines under District Mechanical Engineer, Samastipur

1087. Shri Rajendra Slugh: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of engines in District Samastipur (N.E. Rly.) which are not provided with dynamos, vacuum gauze and vacuum combination;

(b) whether these engines are put on line without proper repairing;

(c) whether these engines were not attended to though several drivers booked such engines for repairs; and

(d) whether it is not in contravention of safety rules?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnewaz Khan): (a) Number of engines not provided—

(i) With Dynamos as well as vacuum gauges .. 3

(ii) With dynamos only .. 11

(b) No.

(c) Booked repairs on all engines are attended to immediately except in case of deficiencies of fittings which are not available and no engine which is not in a fit condition is permitted to work a train.

(d) No if this part refers to using engines without dynamos and vacuum gauges.

कटनी-बीना रेलवे लाइन

१०८८. पंडित ज्वा० प्र० ज्योतिषी :

क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या यह सच है कि जिस क्षेत्र में कटनी-बीना रेलवे लाइन गुजरनी है वहां के लोग बहुत समय में यह माग कर रहे हैं कि शीघ्र ही वहां एक एक्सप्रेस गाड़ी या अतिरिक्त गाड़ी जारी की जाये और

(ख) क्या सरकार का यहां के भारी बातायात की मभावना को दृष्टिगत रखते हुये शीघ्र ही यह सेवा आरम्भ करने का विचार है ?

रेलवे उपमन्त्री (श्री साहन्वाज खाँ) :

(क) जी, हाँ ।

(ख) लाइन-क्षमता न होने के कारण कटनी-बीना सेक्शन पर एक और गाड़ी चलाना संभव नहीं है । लेकिन इस सेक्शन की गाड़ियों में भीड़ कम करने के लिये उनमें १-४-१९५८ में तीसरे दर्जे का एक और डिब्बा लगाया गया है और इस बात पर भी विचार किया जा रहा है कि क्या इन गाड़ियों में और डिब्बे लगाये जा सकते हैं ?

Rihand Dam Project

1089. **Sardar Iqbal Singh:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether the estimate of Rihand Dam has greatly increased, and

(b) if so, to what extent and what were the main causes of this increase?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) and (b). The revised estimate for the Rihand Project indicates an increase in the total cost of the Project by Rs 10 84 crores

The original estimates for the Rihand Dam Project comprising generation, transmission, and distribution was sanctioned by the Government of Uttar Pradesh in 1952 for Rs. 35.21 crores. According to the revised (1956) estimate, the Rihand Project is estimated to cost Rs. 46 05 crores.

Major revision in the estimate has been made in respect of the concrete dam, spill-way and earthfill embankments (excluding gates and appurtenances). According to the revised estimate, the rise in these items alone is of the order of Rs 11 crores. This excess is due to the adoption of higher unit rates based on actual cost and also increase in the cost of cement and steel. There is an increase in the cost of compensation for land, structures, etc., by Rs. 76.8 lakhs. The unit rate provided in the original