

be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1309 on the 11th December, 1959 and state:

(a) the price per ton at which 241 tons of timber was re-auctioned; and

(b) how does this price compare with the original auction price and the reason for difference?

**The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh):** (a) Rs. 37.00 per ton, approximately.

(b) The original auction price at which M/s. P. C. Ray purchased this timber varied from Rs. 185 to Rs. 217.50 per ton. The low price realised at the re-auction was due to deterioration of the timber which was not removed by the firm.

#### **Station Staff of Garh Madhupur and Jenapur**

**1156. Dr. Samantsinhar:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) how long the station staff of Garh-Madhupur and Jenapur of the S.E. Railway remained on the roof of the wagon bodies and cabins during the high floods this year from the 15th August, 1960;

(b) when was the information first received at the office of the D.T.S. Khurda Road of their plight and when was action taken for their rescue;

(c) whether the D.T.S. sent any information to the State Government for necessary help to them and, if so, when; and

(d) who was the first officer from the Khurda Road District headquarters to arrive at the above stations to know the conditions of the staff and when?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan):** (a) Station staff of Garh-Madhupur and Jenapur did not take shelter on the roofs of wagon bodies or cabins during the flood this year.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

(c) Jenapur Yard was completely under water and unsafe for passage of trains and staff quarters were surrounded by flood water, and D.T.S. Khurda Road, sent information on 16th August, 1960 to the State Government for necessary help.

(d) It is not known who was the first officer from Khurda Road Headquarters who managed to reach there but all the officers concerned were continuously engaged in the attempt to provide the necessary relief for staff and restore the track to traffic.

#### **Road Bridge between Mandapar and Pamban**

**1157. Shri Tangamani:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no road bridge between Maundapuar and Pamban for tourist public travelling by road to Rameshwaram; and

(b) if so, what steps are taken to overcome this?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A railway bridge already exists. Considering the volume of traffic, which is not heavy, the construction of a road bridge is not yet considered to be an urgent necessity.

#### **Docks at Bombay**

**1158. Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the plan for modernizing, developing and deepening the Docks at Bombay has been drawn up; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) and (b). A new scheme for modernizing the Bombay Docks has been drawn up by