

रेलवे उपमंत्री (श्री से० व० रामस्वामी):

(क) जी हां। ५-१-१९६१ को नहीं, बल्कि १५ और १६ दिसम्बर, १९६० के बीच रात में डाका पड़ा था।

(ख) १२० रुपये ८५ नये पैसे रेलवे की नकदी, एक टिन मिट्टी का तेल, बीड़ी के तीन टोकरे, दवाइयों के १० बक्से और वर्दी के कपड़े, जिनकी कुल कीमत ११०० रुपये थी, लूट लिये गये।

(ग) किमी को चोट नहीं आयी।

(घ) पुलिस मामले की जांच कर रही है।

Food Deficits

***60. Shri Chintamani Panigrahi:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Governments have made fresh assessments of their food deficits for the 1961-62 period; and

(b) if so, what is the total amount of food deficit in India at present?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) and (b). It is difficult to assess with any degree of accuracy the deficit of the country during 1961-62. Much depends on the next Rabi and Khariff crops. If the crops are good, the deficit may be small, otherwise it may be necessary to put into the market quite large quantities of foodgrains to maintain the supply position.

Howrah-Burdwan Electrification

***61. Shri Rajeshwar Patel:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the total sum of money paid to the foreign contractors for electrification of Howrah-Burdwan sector;

(b) whether the amount paid was more than what was stipulated in the contract; and

(c) if so, by how much and the reasons for the same?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Rs. 4,28,34,000 (Rupees four crores, twenty-eight lakhs and thirtyfour thousands only).

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

New Delhi—Tokyo Radio Teletype Link

***62. Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Radio Teletype Link between New Delhi and Tokyo has been inaugurated;

(b) if so, at what cost and how this expenditure has been shared; and

(c) whether this has been established in response to a recommendation of the World Meteorological Organisation?

The Deputy Minister of Civil Aviation (Shri Mohiuddin): (a) Yes.

(b) The expenditure on the Indian end comes to about Rs. 3,67,000 per annum and that on the Tokyo end about which we have no information is borne by the Japanese Meteorological Service.

(c) Yes.

Medical Education in India

***63. { Shri Hem Raj:
Shri Muhammed Elias:**

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 59 on the 15th November, 1960, regarding the recommendations made by the Conference of Principals and Deans of Medical Colleges in India held in September, 1960 and state:

(a) which of the recommendations for the expansion and improvement of medical education in the country.