

the Government which has created the demand among the cultivators, to make up that gap?

Mr. Speaker: How many times is this question to come up here? They have answered repeatedly.

Shrimati Renuka Ray: I will repeat. The question is; is it a fact that Government....

Shri Tangamani: So many times we have asked about the same committee's recommendations and the action taken thereon. Formerly we were told these had been sent to the State Governments. We are again making a pointed reference to these recommendations.

Mr. Speaker: Has not the report been placed on the Table of the House?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: We are not in a position to supply all the demands of the States and farmers, but we are doing progressively better. Last year we could meet only 42 to 46 per cent. of the demands. We expect to reach about 60 to 66 per cent. this year.

रेलवे की योजना पर पूंजी परिव्यय

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क्या रेलवे मंत्री १६ दिसम्बर, १९६० के तारंकित प्रश्न संख्या ६८१ के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि तीसरी पंचवर्षीय योजना के अधीन रेलवे के लिये नियत राशि बढ़ाने का जो प्रश्न विचाराधीन था उसके बारे में क्या निर्णय किया गया है ?

रेलवे उपमंत्री (श्री शाहनबाज खां) : आयोजना आयोग (Planning Commission) अभी इस मामले पर विचार कर रहा है ।

The matter is still under consideration of Planning Commission.

श्री भक्त वंशन : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि इस बारे में निर्णय करने में इतनी देरी क्यों हो रही है और देर से देर कब तक फंसला हो जाने की उम्मीद की जाती है ?

श्री शाहनबाज खां : इस का जवाब मैं नहीं दे सकता हूँ । इस का जवाब तो प्लानिंग कमिशन को ही तय करना है ।

Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: May I know whether Government have also sent proposals to the Planning Commission and details regarding the construction of railway lines; if so, may I know the details?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: It does not arise out of this question.

श्री म० ला० द्विवेदी : क्या मंत्री महोदय ने इस बात का भी कोई खयाल किया है कि पंचवर्षीय योजना में पिछड़े हुए इलाकों में नई रेल लाइनें बनाने के लिये एक अनुपात से धनराशि मंजूर कर ली जाये ?

श्री शाहनबाज खां : इस सवाल से यह ताल्लुक नहीं रखता है, दूसरा सवाल पृच्छिये ।

श्री म० ला० द्विवेदी : मैं थर्ड फाईव ईयर प्लान की बात पूछ रहा हूँ ।

Shri C. D. Pande: A large number of new schemes were put off only on the ground that new funds were not available, and the hon. Minister was pleased to assure the House at one time that as soon as new funds were available from the Planning Commission, such lines which had been sanctioned five or six years back would be taken up in priority.

श्री शाहनबाज खां : अभी तक इस मामले में कोई आखिरी फंसला नहीं हुआ है ।

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: A sum of Rs. 335 crores on account of depreciation, i.e., from internal resources, was included; subsequently this was raised to Rs. 350 crores. May I know whether this increase of Rs. 15 crores has been accepted by the Planning Commission, and whether the outlay has been increased to that extent?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: This question related to the Plan outlay for which the Planning Commission had asked us to be prepared to lift 235 million tons of goods traffic, and for that a certain sum was allotted. We had pointed out that it would be necessary to increase the allocation. No final decision has yet been taken.

Mr. Speaker: He says originally the amount was Rs. 335 crores. Has it been increased to Rs. 350 crores? That is the question.

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: For this particular detail, I shall require separate notice.

Shri Braj Raj Singh: There is a point of propriety.

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. It is only day before yesterday that we concluded the debate on Railway Demands and also the general Budget. If they were not satisfied during that discussion, are they going to be satisfied now with an answer?

Shri Braj Raj Singh: That is not the point.

Mr. Speaker: There is one other point also. The hon. Deputy Minister said that it had not been finalised, that the whole matter was under consideration. And then, they have invited opinions from various people. Hon. Members also can send their opinions.

Shri Braj Raj Singh: Quite right, but I wanted to know....

Mr. Speaker: Under the circumstances, the Plan is not final. It is only the day before yesterday that we concluded the Railway Budget. Am I to allow other questions on this.

Shri Braj Raj Singh: The question of propriety was this. The papers today report: "Rail Outlay may go up by Rs. 25 crores". This is in the *Times of India* of this morning, and it adds: "Traffic Estimate is Revised". My point was this only. When people get the news, this House is not getting the news. He says the matter is

under consideration, but the papers report that the outlay is to be increased.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Member will bear in mind that they go to some Deputy-Secretary or Under-Secretary, or some other member who might be interested, and he says: "Yes, it is likely to come", but if our friends make a statement, the statement will become authoritative. That is the difference. The Plan is under consideration. The Railway Budget was discussed. Let us proceed to the next question.

Shri Braj Raj Singh: Let us know how much more they have asked.

Mr. Speaker: I am not going to allow. No purpose is served.

Purchase of Rice from Thailand

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*929. { Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
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Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 225 on the 18th November, 1960 and state:

(a) whether the negotiations with the Government of Thailand regarding purchase of rice have been concluded;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the time likely to be taken to conclude the negotiations?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) to (c). No deal could materialise out of the negotiations held last year for purchase of Thai rice by India. That matter is now closed.

Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: What was the exact offer received from the Thailand Government, and why was it dropped?

Shri A. M. Thomas: The hon. House might know that Thailand has not been a traditional supplier of rice to