

Supply of Sugar in Kerala State

865. Shri Maniyangadan: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that in certain localities in Kerala State sugar is not available in adequate quantities; and

(b) what steps are being taken to meet the needs of such localities?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) and (b). The Government of Kerala has intimated that the stock position was somewhat low in Trivandrum during the first week of July and in Trichur during the second week of June for a few days. The deficiency was immediately made good by arranging stocks from other places. Adequate stocks are reported to be available to meet normal requirements of the public.

विदेशी नौबहन

८६६. श्री सरजू पाण्डेय : क्या परिवहन तथा संचार मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि विदेशी नौबहन से भारत के व्यापार पर बुरा प्रभाव पड़ रहा है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस के क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) इसे रोकने के लिये सरकार द्वारा क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है ?

परिवहन तथा संचार मन्त्रालय में राज्य मन्त्री (श्री राज बहादुर) : (क) से (ग). जैसा कि भली भांति विदित है, हमारे मुद्रर समुद्री व्यापार का सिर्फ लगभग ६ प्रतिशत माल (गैर सरकारी आंकड़ों के अनुसार) भारतीय जहाजी कम्पनियों द्वारा और बाकी माल विदेशी जहाजी कम्पनियों द्वारा डोया जाता है। विदेशी जहाजी कम्पनियों

पर इतनी बड़ी मात्रा में हमारे निर्भर होने के कारण मुद्रर समुद्री व्यापार में जिस में आयात का व्यापार भी शामिल है, सहज ही कुछ दिक्कतें आती हैं। इन कठिनाइयों से पार पाने का यही एक तरीका है कि भारतीय जहाजरानी का विकास किया जाय। सरकार इस दिशा में सभी सम्भव प्रयत्न कर रही है जैसे आसान शर्तों पर ऋण देना, सरकारी क्षेत्र में जहाजी निगमों की स्थापना आदि आदि।

Earth Conductor Accessories

867. Shri Maniyangadan: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kerala State Government has applied for the release of foreign exchange for the import of earth conductor accessories;

(b) when the application was forwarded;

(c) whether the required foreign exchange has been released and if so, when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) Yes.

(b) August, 1960.

(c) Necessary foreign exchange was released on 1-4-1961.

(d) The question does not arise.

Pay Scales of Law Inspectors on Railways

**868. { Shri P. G. Deb:
Maharajkumar Vijaya
Ananda:**

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the pay scales of Law Inspectors have been revised by zonal railways;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) to (c). The authorized scales of pay of Legal Staffs in the following Prescribed scales of pay have been notified as under:

<i>Prescribed Scale</i>	<i>Authorized Scale</i>
Rs. 360-500	450-575
Rs. 300-400	370-475
Rs. 260-350	335-425

The authorized scales for those in the Prescribed Scales of Rs. 200—300 and Rs. 150—225 have not yet been finalized and they are under examination in consultation with the Railways.

Overbridge near Lajpat Nagar, Delhi

869. { **Shri Arjun Singh Bhadauria:**
Shri P. G. Deb:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that many deaths occur due to lack of an overbridge near Lajpat Nagar, Delhi; and

(b) if so, when the bridge is likely to be constructed?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) There have been no casualties due to accidents on the level-crossings near Lajpat Nagar.

(b) No proposal for a Road-over-bridge has been received from the Delhi State Administration so far.

Railway Accident on Sariyan Station, N.E. Railway

870. { **Shri Arjun Singh Bhadauria:**
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri P. G. Deb:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a serious rail accident at Sariyan Station of the

North-Eastern Railway on the 15th July, 1961; and

(b) if so, the details of the accident?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) and (b). At about 9-55 hours on 15-7-1961 while Ballast train was standing on the Main line at Sarayan station on Burhwal-Sitapur single line section of North Eastern Railway, Train No. 162 Down Sitapur-Burhwal Passenger also entered the same line and collided head-on.

As a result of this collision two persons were killed and damage to Railway property amounted to Rs. 24,700.

Minor Irrigation Projects for Orissa in Third Plan

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

(a) whether all the Minor Irrigation Projects or schemes included in the Third Five Year Plan of Orissa have been finally approved for execution;

(b) whether any allotment has been made to Orissa in 1961-62 for starting the construction work of any of these schemes; and

(c) if so, how much money has been allotted and for which of the schemes?

The Deputy Minister of Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa): (a) Yes. The State Government asked for a provision of Rs. 304 lakhs for Minor Irrigation Tube-wells and Lift Irrigation Schemes in the Third Five Year Plan. This was approved.

(b) and (c). The State Government have reported that they have made a provision of Rs. 61.34 lakhs in 1961-62 budget for execution of minor irrigation projects including Lift Irrigation and Tube-well schemes.