

(b) if so, whether Government have analysed the reasons which led to the fall in prices; and

(c) whether any report has been called for from the said non-Congress Ministries in the matter for guidance of other State Governments?

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh):** (a) Prices of food-grains and other commodities both in States with Congress Governments and Non-Congress Governments have recently shown a mixed trend and the prices of some food-grains have in particular exhibited a declining trend.

(b) It is usual for the prices of foodgrains to come down at this time of the year as the stocks held back are brought into the markets in anticipation of the coming of rabi crops and to avail of the prevailing prices.

(c) Does not arise.

#### Export of Bristles Via Nepal

\*335. **Shri Surendranath Dwivedy:** Will the Minister of Commerce be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that some Indian trading houses are exporting Bristles via Nepal to European countries thereby depriving this country of a good amount of earnings of foreign exchange;

(b) whether Government propose to stop this practice; and

(c) the action, if any, taken so far against those who have indulged in this practice?

**The Minister of Commerce (Shri Dinesh Singh):** (a) to (c). It was brought to Government's notice that some traders were exporting bristles from India to Nepal for re-export to third countries thus causing loss of foreign exchange to India. These complaints were looked into but no specific cases could be detected. However, as a precautionary measure, steps have already been taken to prevent exports of bristles to Nepal.

#### पश्चिम रेलवे में छंटनी

\*337. **डा० राम मनोहर लोहिया :**

**श्रीशिष्यभारता :**

**श्री रबी राय :**

क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पश्चिम रेलवे के लगभग 40 प्रसिस्टेंट इन्स्पेक्टर आफ वर्क्स की मितव्ययता के आधार पर छंटनी की जायेगी ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि उनके प्रशिक्षण आदि पर लगभग डेढ़ लाख रुपये व्यय किया गया था ;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने यह कार्यवाही करने से पहले उन्हें अन्य रेलवे में नौकरी देने की संभावना पर विचार किया है ; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

**रेलवे मंत्री (श्री सी० एम० गुप्ता) :**

(क) जी हां। अभी तक केवल 29 सहायक निर्माण निरीक्षकों की छंटनी की गयी है तथा 5 और की छंटनी शीघ्र होने की संभावना है।

(ख) जी हां। 34 सहायक निर्माण निरीक्षकों के प्रशिक्षण पर बकीके के रूप में लगभग 1,05,000 रुपये खर्च किये गये हैं।

(ग) जी हां।

(घ) सवाल नहीं उठता।

#### Import of Railway Stores

\*338. **Shri Jyotirmoy Basu:**  
**Shri A. K. Gopalan:**  
**Shri C. K. Chakrapani:**

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have imported from U.S.A. large quantities of Railway stores during 1965-66;