

### Railway Workshop at Amritsar

764. **Shri Daljit Singh:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the total value of articles produced in Railway Workshop at Amritsar during 1957-58 so far; and

(b) the total amount spent including salary of staff during the same year?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawas Khan): (a) and (b). Amritsar Workshops when under the control of the Punjab Government were engaged on manufacture of stores for various parties but since 1-6-1956 when they were taken over by the Railways, they are engaged in the manufacture of spare parts for locomotives, carriages and wagons, overhauling of locomotives and execution of orders placed by the Punjab Government. A considerable part of the expenditure incurred during any period relates to work in progress and, therefore, the cost of production on stores and repair work completed during any period cannot be compared with the total expenditure during the corresponding period. The value of articles produced during the period 1-4-1957 to 31-12-1957 is Rs. 32,53,815 inclusive of items part finished and still under manufacture, but exclusive of the cost of repairs to locomotives and other maintenance jobs carried out during the period. Expenditure incurred from 1-4-1957 to 31-12-1957 upto which the accounts have been closed including the staff salaries has been Rs. 62,93,553.

### Rice Distribution

765. **Shri Daljit Singh:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the total quantity of rice sent from the Punjab State to other States by the Government of India during 1957?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): Approximately 31,000 tons.

### Post Offices in Kangra District

766. **Shri Daljit Singh:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Post Offices in Kangra district in Punjab State functioning at present in private buildings;

(b) the rent paid by Government during 1957-58 so far;

(c) whether there is any proposal to construct buildings for these Post Offices; and

(d) if so, how many are under construction and amount spent so far?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) The number of post offices in Kangra District in Punjab State functioning in private buildings is 36;

(b) the rent paid by Government for these Offices so far during 1957-58 is Rs. 7,295;

(c) there is a proposal for construction of departmental buildings at 3 places namely Kangra, Baijnath and Barsar; and

(d) at the moment no building is under construction and no amount has been spent so far in this connection.

### PAPER LAID ON THE TABLE

#### NOTIFICATION UNDER ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES ACT.

The Minister of Co-operation (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): I beg to lay on the Table a copy of Notification S.R.O. 471, dated the 8th February, 1958, under sub-section (6) of Section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955. (Placed in Library. See No. LT-551/58.)

### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Absence of Members from the Sittings of the House in their Fifth Report

have recommended that leave of absence may be granted to the following Members for the periods indicated in the Report: Shri S. C. Chowdhury, Shri P. R. Ramakrishnan, Shri Hoover Hynniewta, H. H. Maharaja Pratap Keshari Deo, Shrimati Lalita Rajya Laxmi, Shri B. Rajagopala Rao, Shri Bhagwan Din Misra, Shri Muthuramalinga Thevar, Shri K. G. Deshmukh, Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha, Shri Awadhesh Kumar Singh, Shri K. N. Singh, Dr. K. Atchamamba, Shri I. Eacharan, Shri V. C. Shukla, and Shri C. R. Narasimhan.

I take it that the House agrees with the recommendations of the Committee.

Hon. Members: Yes.

Mr. Speaker: The Members will be informed accordingly.

#### BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs (Shri Satya Narayan Sinha): With your permission, Sir, I would like to announce that the order of business for the House for the week commencing 3rd March, 1958 will be as follows:

- (1) Further discussion of the Railway Budget.
- (2) Discussion and voting on Supplementary Demands for Grants 1957-58 in respect of Railways.
- (3) Discussion and voting on Demands for Grants 1958-59 in respect of Railways.
- (4) Consideration and passing of the Control of Shipping (Continuance) Bill, 1958.
- (5) Discussion on the Seventh Report of the Union Public Service Commission for the year 1956-57 and the Government's memorandum thereon on a motion to be moved by Sarvaahri Harish Chandra Mathur and N. R. Munisamy.

#### RAILWAY BUDGET—GENERAL DISCUSSION—contd.

Mr. Speaker: The House will now resume further discussion on the Railway Budget. Out of 15 hours allotted for the discussion, 9 hours and 29 minutes have already been availed of and 5 hours and 31 minutes now remain. Shri Raghunath Singh may continue his speech.

श्री रघुनाथ सिंह (वाराणसी) : अध्यक्ष महोदय, जब श्री साहनबाब साहब इस सदन में सबालों का जवाब देते हैं, तो मालूम पड़ता है कि ट्रेन की स्पीड बहुत तेज है और बहुत तेजी के साथ ट्रेन जाती है, लेकिन अगर हम ट्रेन पर सवार हों, तो वह बहुत स्लो चलने लगती है और दो दो, तीन तीन घंटे लेट होती है। १९३८-३९ में मालगाड़ी की रफ्तार ११ मील प्रति घण्टा थी और आज बीस बरस के बाद उसकी रफ्तार ८.३६ मील प्रति घंटा हो गई है। एफ़िशेन्सी यह है कि बीस बरस में माल गाड़ियों की स्पीड दो घंटा कम हो गई है। इस के पश्चात् इंजिन को देखें। १९३८-१९३९ में लाइन पर चलने वाले इंजिनो की संख्या ५,२४७ थी और रिपेयर होने वाले इंजिनो की संख्या ९८९ थी। आज लाइन पर चलने वाले इंजिन ५,८३३ हैं और रिपेयर होने वाले ९२० हैं। इससे स्पष्ट है कि जहां तक इंजिनों का ताल्लुक है, इन बीस बरसों में एफ़िशेन्सी ज्यादा नहीं बढ़ी है।

सवारी गाड़ी को लीजिए। १९३८-३९ में सवारी गाड़ी के ९८०७ डिब्बे थे, जबकि बीस बरस के बाद आज ८५५६ डिब्बे हैं। बीस बरस के बाद आज, जबकि ट्रेडिंक में बहुत ज्यादा वृद्धि हो गई है, डिब्बों की संख्या कम हो गई है।

रेलवे उपमंत्री (श्री साहनबाब साह) :  
इन बीस बरसों में पाकिस्तान भी बना।