

Birbhum in order to save the people of the adjoining areas from flood havoc ; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in the matter ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. N. KUREEL) : (a) and (b). The Government are aware of the urgency of protective measures in the lower reaches of Ajoy River in West Bengal. The State Government of West Bengal have already taken up remodelling and strengthening of the existing embankments on the river for this purpose from Parucha to Sagira on the right bank and from Nurpur to Jahanabad on the left bank. The possibility of constructing dams on the Ajoy river and its tributaries is under study by Bihar Government.

SHRI A. K. SAHA : In view of the fact that West Bengal Government had long ago given a proposal for the construction of a dam across the Ajoy river, may I know from the hon. Minister what stands in the way of expediting this proposal ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (DR. K. L. RAO) : No dam can be constructed in the Bengal territory because there is no proper site available. The only place where dams can be constructed is on the upstream in the Bihar territory. That is why we have asked the Bihar Government to investigate the sites. They have investigated one or two sites and they have been found not suitable from the point of view of submersion and from the point of view of suitability of the rock. They are investigating other sites.

SHRI A. K. SAHA : May I know from the hon. Minister whether the Government will consider to include it in the Fourth Plan ?

DR. K. L. RAO : As I submitted already, it is a question of the Bihar Government coming forward with some dam sites. I think, they will do and then only the question of inclusion in the Fourth Plan will arise.

SHRI S. C. SAMANTA : I would like to know what recommendations were made by the Man Singh Committee about this project. I want to know why that recommendation has not been taken up as yet.

DR. K. L. RAO : The Man Singh Committee recommended strengthening of the embankments and the construction of the reservoir higher-up. That is a general recommendation. As I said earlier, it is a question of the Bihar Government and they have got to look into the possibility of finding a suitable dam site. We cannot force them to agree to the Committee's recommendation which is outside their territory altogether.

भारतीय रेलवे के लाइसेंस प्राप्त कुलियों से ली जाने वाली लाइसेन्स फीस

*1088. श्री बी० आर० शुक्ल : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) भारतीय रेलवे पर काम करने वाले लाइसेंस प्राप्त कुलियों से लाइसेंस फीस के रूप में कुल कितनी राशि बसूल की जाती है ;

(ख) उक्त धनराशि किस प्रकार खर्च की जाती है ;

(ग) क्या उक्त धनराशि से लाइसेंस प्राप्त कुलियों को सुविधाएं प्रदान करने की कोई व्यवस्था है ; और

(घ) यदि हा, तो वे सुविधायें क्या हैं ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) The total amount of licence fee realised from licensed porters working on Indian Railways during the financial year ending 31-3-1971 was Rs. 9,35,738.55 p ;

(b) The above sum is entirely spent on the cost of uniforms supplied to porters and supervision ;

(c) No Sir ;

(d) Does not arise.

SHRI B. R. SHUKLA : May I know how much amount out of this entire amount has been spent on uniforms ?

SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA : I understand Rs. 3.57 lakhs approx. has been spent on uniforms.

SHRI B. R. SHUKLA : What about the residual amount ?

SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA : The residual amount is spent on establishment charges and what is called the supervision charges.

SHRI B. R. SHUKLA : Nothing out of the residual amount has been spent on the welfare or the improvement of the amenities of the licensed porters ? The amount has been spent on the railway employees who supervise the work of the licensed porters. May I take it that way ?

MR. SPEAKER : It is not a question he has asked.

SHRI N. K. SINHA : In view of the fact that these porters belong to the lowest strata of society and specially the lower echelons of the services in the railways, do Government propose to spend this amount on the amenities, such as, health services and other things, of these licensed porters ?

MR. SPEAKER : He has already given the reply.

SHRI N. K. SINHA : He has given only the factual reply. I want to know whether they have any such proposal under consideration.

SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA : This is a suggestion the hon. Member is making and I will examine it.

सीमेंट कारखानों के लिये रेल के बन्द माल-डिब्बों की कमी

*1089. **श्री महावीर सिंह :** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या रेल के बन्द माल डिब्बों की कमी के कारण वर्ष 1970 की वर्षा ऋतु में सीमेंट स्टाकिंग सीमेंट कारखानों से सीमेंट नहीं उठा सके;

(ख) क्या इसके परिणामस्वरूप मकानों के निर्माण कार्य में रुकावट आ गयी थी; और

(ग) सरकार ने इस वर्ष बन्द माल डिब्बों की कमी को दूर करने के लिये क्या कार्यवाही की है ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) The loading of cement during the rainy season of 1970 was much better when compared to the earlier months as well as corresponding period of the previous year.

(b) The Ministry of Railways is not informed of the position.

(c) All Railways are advised to intensify repairs required to make covered wagons watertight to make them suitable for loading during monsoon and meet the demand from different cement plants to maximum extent.

श्री महावीर सिंह : मैं मंत्री महोदय से जानना चाहता हूँ कि जितनी सीमेंट फैक्ट्रीज है, उनकी मांगों के अनुसार उनको डिब्बे मिल सके या नहीं ? मैं यह भी जानना चाहता हूँ कि आप ने अपने प्रशासन को जो आदेश दिया है, उमका कहां तक पालन हुआ, किन किन कारखानों को लाभ पहुंचा है, इसके आकड़े भी बताइये ?

SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA : Obviously, all the cement factories have not been able to get all the wagons they have asked for. But, there has been considerable improvement from year to year in allotting wagons and in the transportation of cement. For example, in 1968-69, we were able to transport 9.4 million tonnes the next year it rose to 10.7 million tonnes and this year (1970-71) it has gone upto 11.1 millions. So, there is progressive improvement in the allotment and transportation and much more has to be done. I am aware of it. The other day, the All India Cement Manufacturers' Association's representatives met me and had a discussion with me and I am trying my very best to see that cement transportation takes place to the maximum extent possible.

श्री महावीर सिंह : मैं मंत्री महोदय से जानना चाहता हूँ कि उस प्रयत्न का जो उत्तर मिला, वह कहां तक सन्तोषजनक है ?

SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA : The manufacturers' representatives met me and I am trying to help them. Whether the response is good or bad, it cannot be stated as a matter of fact. But I am trying to help them.