

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.