

(b) whether there is any proposal to operate the train with diesel engine ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) No, Sir.

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SHRI K. PRADHANI : May I know the reasons why it is not possible to reduce the running time of the Utkal Express and also to make it a daily service ?

SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA : Passengers are not available in sufficient numbers. I am told the average daily number of passengers to Delhi from the whole of that area is only about 90. Therefore, the railway administration is not in a position to run it daily.

SHRI JAGANATH RAO : This is the only direct train from Orissa to Delhi. The Minister says the number of passengers is only 90. But there are passengers in between. May I request him to reconsider his decision and see that a daily train is run from Orissa to Delhi ?

SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA : The study has shown that there are not sufficient number of passengers. It may be that in times to come, the number of passengers may increase. Then we will reconsider the question.

SHRI B.S. MURTHY rose—

MR SPEAKER : are you also on the same line ?

SHRI B. S. MURTHY : May I know whether any survey has been made as to whether, if the Utkal Express is extended up to Waltair, there will be sufficient number of passengers and both Andhra and Utkal can be served ?

SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA : That is a new question.

SHRI K. SURYANARAYANA : He is saying that it is not profitable if it is run up to Cuttack or Bhubaneswar. To make it profitable, let them extend it to Waltair. Will he consider this ?

SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA : I will get the suggestions made by the three hon. members examined.

नमक के लदान के लिए फलोदी रेलवे स्टेशन के लिए रेल डिब्बों का कोटा

\*660. श्री शिवनाथ सिंह : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले तीन वर्षों में फलोदी रेलवे स्टेशन (राजस्थान) से नमक से लदे हुए औसतन कितने माल डिब्बे प्रत्येक वर्ष अन्य स्थानों को भेजे गये ;

(ख) वर्ष 1971 के लिए फलोदी रेलवे स्टेशन का केवल 200 माल डिब्बों का प्रतिमास का जो कोटा नियत किया गया है क्या वह साल डिब्बों की मांग को देखते हुए कम नहीं है ; और

(ग) क्या सरकार का विचार उक्त कोटे को बढ़ाना का है ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA) : (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

#### Statement

(a) The particulars of the number of wagons loaded with zonal and non-zonal salt from Phalodi station during the years 1968, 1969, 1970 and 1971 (up to 10th June), are as follows:—

Year	No of M. G. Wagons loaded		Total
	Zonal	Non-zonal	
1968	3,054	3,392	6,446
1969	2,610	7,519	10,129
1970	1,914	7,325	9,239
1971 (up to 10th June)	1,308	2,133	3,441
	8,886	20,369	29,255

(b) and (c). Presumably, the reference is to the ceiling limit of 200 wagons imposed on registration of tenders for non-zonal sale under item 'D' and 'E' at Phalodi. The ceiling limits are fixed taking into consideration the clearance capacity at the station. The ceiling

limit represents the maximum number of indents which can be kept pending at a time and does not affect overall loading from the station, as fresh indents are accepted to make up the ceiling as soon as some of the outstanding indents are covered by allotment.

**श्री शिवनाथ सिंह :** अध्यक्ष महोदय, मंत्री महोदय ने जो स्टेटमेंट दिया है उसमें मेरे प्रश्न के भाग दो और तीन का उत्तर नहीं है। भाग तीन में मैंने पूछा है, जो आपने स्टेटमेंट दिया है उसमें बैंगन लोड तो भारी रहा है लेकिन आपने सीलिंग दो सी बैग्स की रखी है तो क्या इस स्टेटमेंट को देखते हुए आप इस सीलिंग लिमिट को बढ़ाने के लिये तैयार हैं?

**SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA :** I will examine it.

**श्री शिवनाथ सिंह :** इसमें एग्जामिन करने का सवाल नहीं है, क्योंकि आपने स्टेटमेंट दिया है....

**MR. SPEAKER :** No arguments, please.

**SHRI SHIVNATH SINGH :** Keeping in view the rainy season and the fact that because of the shortage of wagons for exporting salt, the price of salt has gone down at Phalodi and gone up at other places, will he give a special quota for loading the salt there?

**SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA :** There is a quota for all these articles. In fact, every day hon. members from that region are coming to see me. We are discussing it and doing the very best possible. It is not possible for me to state that we would give so many wagons each day.

**SHRI SHIVNATH SINGH :** Will the hon. Minister assure the House that because of the shortage of the wagons the difficulty in the export or supply of salt will not be there?

**SHRI HANUMANTHAIYA :** I can give no assurance.

**MR. SPEAKER :** Now the question list is over, we will go to the second round. No. 631 Shri A. K. Gopalan.

### Setting up of Tapioca-based Industries in Kerala

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\*631. **SHRI M. K. KRISHNAN** on behalf of **SHRI A. K. GOPALAN :**

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to set up some industries based on Tapioca in Kerala ;

(b) whether Government have received any proposal on this from the Kerala Government ; and

(c) if so, the decision taken in the matter ?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD) :**

(a) The Government of India have no such proposal under consideration. However, it is understood from the Government of Kerala that they are considering a proposal to set up an industrial unit for the manufacture of protein enriched foods, industrial starches, dextrose, glucose, etc., utilising tapioca tuber as raw material.

(b) The State Government have not so far made any formal reference to the Central Government in this regard.

(c) Does not arise.

**SHRI M. K. KRISHNAN :** Do the Government propose undertaking a feasibility study to set up a glucose factory in the public sector utilising tapioca grown in large quantities in Kerala ?

**SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD :** For the present we do not propose to undertake any such study.

### Stoppage of the construction of Van Sagar Dam

\*632. **SHRI N. E. HORO :** Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether a number of MLA's from Bihar have requested the Prime Minister to stop the

\*The question was actually put in the House by Sri M. K. Krishnan.