

MR. CHAIRMAN Have you got a scheme when you would become self-sufficient?

श्री जगजीवन राम : यह कार्य नहीं किया गया है, इसके करने में कोई व्यावहारिकता नहीं है इसलिए इस आँकड़े को तैयार नहीं किया गया ।

SHRI K. SANTHANAM May I know, Sir, how much foreign exchange is earned by the Indian shipping companies through carriage of goods from other countries to India?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR I think I could give it in terms of percentage of cargo lifted. There are three types of cargo that we have got the liner cargo, the bulk cargo and the oil cargo. So far as liner cargo is concerned, we are lifting 25 per cent of it. In fact, in certain trades we are lifting as much as 50 per cent. But we have got no bulk carriers and large oil tankers. We have got only one large tanker. We are going to expand our tonnage.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA Sir, the percentages that the hon. Minister gave just now were also given at the time of the commencement of the Second Five Year Plan, more or less the same, if not exactly the same. May I know, Sir, what exact progress has been made in this matter during the Second Five Year Plan by way of lifting a greater percentage of the cargo that we import from abroad?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR Sir, that could perhaps be measured in terms of tonnage. That has increased. As the hon. Member might know, at the end of the First Plan we had only 480,000 GRT in operation. Today we are going to touch a million mark, say, within the next one or two months. We have increased the percentage of cargo lifted from 6-7 per cent to about 9-10 per cent.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA That I know, I was suggesting to you that the percentage of lifting of the total imports by foreign ships remains more

or less static. This is the position. In absolute terms you may have increased, I do not deny, you have indeed increased it. May I know, Sir, if it is not a fact that at the time of the Second Five Year Plan it was pointed out that it would be more economical even to buy some foreign ships because in the course of six years the price of the ships could be realised by imports and so on by saving on freight charges?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR There is no difference of opinion absolutely that if we can get ships we can save considerable foreign exchange. The question is, keeping in view the relative priorities between the different projects, how much can be allocated for shipping? To the extent possible, that is being done? And, as I stated, we have not remained static. We have increased even in terms of cargo lifting. We have done very well. In fact, recently according to the agreement that has been arrived at and which is going to be signed shortly between the U. K. Conference Members, we shall be getting as much as 40 per cent of the total cargo pooled.

HOSPITALS AND HEALTH UNITS ON SOUTHERN RAILWAY

*729 SHRI P. K. KUMARAN Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) the total number of railway hospitals functioning on the Southern Railway,

(b) the number of Health Units which have been constructed during the last three years on that Railway; and

(c) whether there are sufficient number of doctors to man all these hospitals and health units?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN) (a) 11

(b) 20

(c) Yes, except 3 Health Units for which efforts are being made to recruit doctors.

SHRI P. K. KUMARAN: May I know, Sir, whether it is a fact that sufficient number of doctors are not forthcoming as the pay scales are not attractive?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: Sir, we have made certain changes recently. Three hundred posts of Assistant Surgeons have been upgraded to those of A.M.Os. We hope that would attract a larger number of medical officers.

SHRI P. K. KUMARAN: May I know, Sir, whether in view of the increase in the incidence of sickness among railwaymen there is any proposal to increase the number of doctors there?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: I beg to differ from that statement. The health of railwaymen is improving every day.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Everyday in every way.

SHRI A. B. VAJPAYEE: In reply to part (c) of the Question the hon. Minister has just stated that there are three Health Units where there are no doctors. May I know, Sir, how a Unit can be called a Health Unit without a doctor?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: We are recruiting medical officers for these units.

SHRI A. B. VAJPAYEE: May I know, Sir, who is conducting these Health Units? Are the compounders in charge of these Health Units or the railway official in charge of them?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: We are waiting for a doctor to take charge.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: Who is in charge of these Health Units? That is a very relevant question. The Railway Station Master?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: At present there is no medical officer in charge of these Health Units. Efforts are being made to recruit Sir.

SHRI A. B. VAJPAYEE: Who is conducting the Health Unit in the absence of a medical officer? That is a relevant question.

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: So far as these three Health Units are concerned, they have not yet been opened. They will be opened after recruiting doctors.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: This is understandable.

SHRI D. B. DESAI: May I know, Sir, the average number of railway employees to be served by one Health Unit or one doctor?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: The number varies generally between 3,000 to 4,000 employees.

दिल्ली दुग्ध योजना के अन्तर्गत बोतलों का टूटना

*७३०. श्री नवाबसिंह चौहान : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री ६ अगस्त, १९६२ को राज्य सभा में तारांकित प्रश्न संख्या २३७ के दिये गये उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बनाने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) दिल्ली दुग्ध योजना के अन्तर्गत बोतलों के टूटने के कारण होने वाली हानि को रोकने के लिये क्या उपाय किये जा रहे हैं; और

(ख) इतनी टूटफूट किस कारण से होती है और बोतलों की इस कमी का दुग्ध संभरण पर क्या प्रभाव पड़ा है ?

†[BREAKAGE OF BOTTLES UNDER DELHI MILK SCHEME

*730. SHRI NAWAB SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to the answer given in the Rajya Sabha to Starred Question No. 237 on the 9th August, 1962 and state:

†[] English translation.