

(क) राष्ट्रीय रेल उपभोक्ता सलाहकार परिषद् की एक उपसमिति जो भारतीय रेलों पर चोरी और हत्या आदि की रोकथाम के लिये सुझाव देने के लिए बनाई गई थी, क्या उस ने अपनी रिपोर्ट प्रस्तुत कर दी है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उस रिपोर्ट की क्या विशेषताएं हैं ?

†[NATIONAL RAILWAY USERS' CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL

*368. SHRI RAM SAHAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sub-committee of the National Railway Users' Consultative Council, which was formed to give suggestions to prevent thefts, murders etc., on the Indian Railways, has submitted its report; and

(b) if so, what are the special features of the report?]

रेल उपमंत्री (श्री शाहनवाज खां):

(क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) सवाल नहीं उठता ।

†[THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.]

श्री राम सहाय : क्या एसी कोई कमेटी मुकर्रर नहीं की गई ?

श्री शाहनवाज खां : आप ने जो सवाल किया था कि कमेटी ने अपनी रिपोर्ट पेश कर दी है या नहीं ? कमेटी तो बनी थी लेकिन अभी तक उसका काम मुकम्मल नहीं हुआ ।

श्री राम सहाय : कब तक रिपोर्ट आने की आशा है ?

श्री शाहनवाज खां : जल्दी उम्मीद है ।

INVESTIGATIONS REGARDING FRAUDULENT DEALINGS IN THE MATTER OF SUPPLY OF LABOUR TO BOMBAY PORT TRUST

*369. SHRI DAHYABHAI V. PATEL: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the answer given to Starred Question No. 208 in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th February, 1960 and state the time by when the final report of the findings of the investigations conducted into the fraudulent dealings in the matter of supply of labour to the Bombay Port Trust is expected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): It may take some time more for the investigations to be completed.

COLLAPSE OF TWENTY CONCRETE POSTS ON THE EASTERN RAILWAY

*370. SHRI ANSARUDDIN AHMAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that twenty concrete posts situated on the Sheoraphuli-Tarakeshwar Section of the Eastern Railway collapsed after the midnight of the 20th June last and disrupted the running of electric trains on this Section; and

(b) what are the reasons of this collapse?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) and (b). On 20-6-1960 at about 0.20 hrs. a length of 220 feet of catenary and contact wires from the traction overhead line were cut and stolen at mile 15/10-11 between Sheoraphuli and Dearah station on the electrified Howrah-Tarakeshwar section of the Eastern Railway. Due to sudden release of tension in the Over head wires, 20 pre-stressed concrete poles, 10 on either side of the

cut length suddenly collapsed and blocked the Railway line.

SHRI ANSARUDDIN AHMAD: May I know whether the attention of the hon. Minister has been drawn to a statement in the press in Calcutta that these posts collapsed not because the wires were cut but because they were defective in construction?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: That aspect is also being looked into by the General Manager and the Chief Engineer.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTION

†CONSTRUCTION OF PUCCA GODOWN IN CHHATTISGARH REGION

***270. SHRI DAYALDAS KURRE:** Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state whether the Central Government propose to construct a pucca godown for the storage of foodgrains at any place in the Chhattisgarh region in Madhya Pradesh?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI A. M. THOMAS): It is proposed to construct godowns at Raipur, Bilaspur and Raigarh and possibly Dhamtari and Jagdalpur.

†PURCHASE OF RICE FROM ABROAD

***271. SHRI DAYALDAS KURRE:** Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what quantity of rice has so far been purchased in the current year by Government from abroad and at what rate; and

(b) in which States the imported rice has been distributed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI A. M. THOMAS): (a) During 1960 about 700 thousand tons of rice have so far been purchased from other countries. It is not in the public interest to disclose the prices at which these purchases were made.

(b) The imported rice has been distributed in Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Kerala, Madras, West Bengal, Manipur, Tripura and Andamans.

†RESETTLEMENT OF AGRICULTURAL WORKERS

***274. SHRI DAYALDAS KURRE:** Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to page 20 of the Report of the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Department of Agriculture) for 1959-60 and state:

(a) the number of the landless agricultural workers resettled in Madhya Pradesh in the year 1959-60 and the amount of money sanctioned for them; and

(b) whether this scheme will be continued in the year 1960-61?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA): (a) The number of the landless agricultural workers resettled in the State during 1959-60 was 192 and money sanctioned to them was Rs. 4,55,184/-.

(b) Yes, Sir.

COMPLAINT ABOUT MALPRACTICES IN THE WESTERN RAILWAY PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER'S OFFICE AT BOMBAY

***342. DR. R. B. GOUR:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaint about the malpractices in the Western Railway