

श्री डी० पी० करमरकर : जी, जब कोई माननीय सदस्य का सवाल होता है तब हम ज्यादा कोशिश करते हैं उसके बारे में सूचना इकट्ठा करने की। ज्यादा कोशिश करने के बावजूद भी इस तरह की सूचना कि कितना पानी लगेगा, क्या वक्त लगेगा और कितना पानी मिलेगा, मेरे पास अभी इस वक्त नहीं है और अगर माननीय सदस्य सूचना देंगे तो और भी कोशिश करेंगे।

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: May I know whether this phenomenon is peculiar to Jamuna, near Delhi or it is the common feature of all rivers of India in summer?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: It is an idiosyncrasy of shallow rivers. Deeper rivers do not give such difficulties.

EXPLOSIONS IN THE SOUTH-EASTERN RAILWAY GODOWN

*504. DR. A. SUBBA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there were a series of explosions in the South-Eastern Railway godown at Ramkrishnapur in Howrah on the 1st May, 1960;

(b) if so, what were the causes of these explosions;

(c) whether any damage was caused to public property; and

(d) whether any enquiry was held into the incidents?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) and (b) As a result of the fire which broke out in the Godown attached to the Lost Property Office of the South Eastern Railway at Ramkistopore on 1-5-1960, a series of explosions took place due to bursting of gas cylinders stored in the godown.

(c) Damage was caused to the Godown and also to the unclaimed and unconnected articles stored therein.

(d) Yes, Sir. A departmental enquiry was held. Further investigation by the Inspector of Explosives, Eastern Circle, Calcutta and the Superintendent, Railway Police, Howrah, is being made.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: May I know what are the preliminary findings of the enquiry and whether it is due to gross negligence on the part of the authorities concerned?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: Unfortunately the committee could not come to any definite decision as to the causes of the fire. It might have been due to internal combustion and they recommended that the matter should be referred to another expert body to give a final decision.

SHRI TAJAMUL HUSAIN: May I know if the Government realise that it might be the work of the Communists?

(No reply)

SURPRISE TESTS ON AGMARK COMMODITIES

*505. SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state whether it is a fact that surprise tests conducted by the Anti-Adulteration Department in Delhi on samples of a number of Agmark Commodities have shown them to be below the required standard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA): No sample of any commodity graded and sealed under Agmark in Delhi has been found below the required standard. There is, however, only one case under dispute in which a sample of mustard oil drawn by the Corporation's Health authorities in Delhi from an open tin, which once bore an Agmark label, has been alleged as adulterated under the P.F.A. Rules. The matter is at present *sub judice*.