

are unloaded at the Delhi Sadar Railway station from incoming wagons; and

(b) whether it is a fact that garbage and rubbish from Delhi is loaded daily from the same station in wagons for being taken to the Badli dumping ground?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) and (b). Fresh fruit traffic is being handled in the fresh fruit siding near New Delhi Railway station and the refuse and garbage are loaded from the refuse siding which is at a distance of more than 100 yards from the nearest end of the fruit unloading platform.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I know whether any precautions were being taken to prevent the fruits from being Contaminated?

SHRI SHAK NAWAZ KHAN: There is a distance of 100 yards between the two sidings and I might inform the hon. Member that a joint inspection was carried out by a Medical Officer belonging to the Corporation and the Chief Medical Officer of the Railways and both the Medical Officers came to the conclusion that there was no possibility of contamination at all.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I know whether it is not a fact that the Health Officer objected to what he saw there?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: No.

TELEGRAMS SENT FROM CENTRAL TELEGRAPH OFFICE, LUCKNOW

C SHRI J. C. CHATTERJI

♦34. <{ SHRI FARIDUL HAQ
f ANSARI: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

tThe question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri J. C. Chatterji.

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of telegrams are* daily sent from the Central Telegraph Office, Lucknow, to different destinations by air-mail post and not on the wires; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (DR. P. SUBBARAYAN): (a) Only a few telegrams are being sent in this manner.

(b) As a precautionary measure due to interruptions on lines. As soon as the lines are restored the telegrams are sent in the usual manner also.

SHRI J. C. CHATTERJI: Is it not a fact that it is due to this that formerly they used to employ extra hands from retired persons and that system has been stopped and now the regular officers are engaged with extra payment and these officers are inefficient to fulfil the condition?

DR. P. SUBBARAYAN: I am afraid I do not accept the hon. Member's conclusion. What really happens is when some of the lines get out of order, so that people will not get their telegrams in time, they are posted and when the lines are made all right, the telegram also is sent and sometimes the telegram reaches even before the letter.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: Ufay I know whether any refund is made when a telegram is sent by express post and not by wire?

DR. P. SUBBARAYAN: When anybody demands a refund, it is given.

SHRI AMOLAKH CHAND: I want to know whether people have been informed that their telegrams would not reach in time and they may claim refund if the telegram is not sent by telegram but by express letter?

DR. P. SUBBARAYAN: If that is to be done, we will have to increase the staff to a very large extent.

SHRI AMOLAKH CHAND: May I know whether it is proper for a Government Department not to work properly but to say that because more people will have to be employed, these telegrams are not to be sent as telegrams?

DR. P. SUBBARAYAN: That is not so.. What I said was only when the lines get out of order, they are sent by post.

SHRI FARIDUL HAQ ANSARI: May I know whether it is a fact that for a very considerable time at Lucknow Telegraph Office, telegrams were being sent by air and not through wire?

DR. P. SUBBARAYAN: I do not think the hon. Member is correct in his presumption.

DR. D. H. VARIAVA: When the Telegraphs Department people know that they are not able to send telegrams by wire, why do they not inform the people at the time of taking them that it is not possible by wire so that they may decide whether to send them or not to send them?

DR. P. SUBBARAYAN: We will consider the suggestion.

THERAPEUTIC VALUES OF THE MEDICINAL HERB "PUNARNAVA"

*35. SHRI NIRANJAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to refer to the answer given to Starred Question No. 618 in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th September, 1959 and state whether the Indian Council of Medical Research has since completed the analysis of the therapeutic values of the medicinal herb known as 'Punarnava'?

' THE MINISTER OF HEALTH '(SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR): The Indian Council of Medical Research has not yet completed the analysis of the thera-

peutic values of the medicinal herb known as 'Punarnava'. I should like to add, with your permission, that they have however stated that there are two indigenous herbs which are known by the name of Punarnava, (1) Rakta Punarnava and (2) Swet Punarnava. Swet Punarnava is particularly used for the cure of eye diseases, e.g., corneal ulcers, itching, etc.

REPORT OF WORKING GROUP ON CO-OPERATIVE FARMING

*36. SHRI- D. P. SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Working Group on Cooperative Farming has submitted its report;

(b.) if so, what are its recommendations; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to implement them?

THE PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE MINISTER OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI S. D. MISRA): (a) Not yet, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise

SHRI D. P. SINGH: May I know when the report is expected?

SHRI S. D. MISRA: It is expected by the middle of December.

*37. [The questioner (Shri Maheswar Naik). was absent. For answer, vide coZ. 197 infra.]

*38. [The questioners . (Shri Maheswar Naik and Shri V. K. Dhage) were absent. For answer, vide cols. 197—99 infra.]