

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) 258 buses.

(b) Rs. 15.32 lakhs.

SHRI P. A. SOLOMON: May I know the number of transport employees and the number of passengers who were attacked by the agitationists during the so-called liberation struggle in Kerala?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: Sir, that question had better be addressed to the Home Ministry because I cannot give the number of attacks made on passengers and other people.

SHRI P. A. SOLOMON: May I know how many cases have been filed against the persons for damage to buses and attacks on passengers?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: That also is outside the purview of my Department.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: May I know whether the attention of the hon. Minister has been drawn to a statement by Mannath Padmanabhan to the effect that the damage caused to the public transport would be of the order of not less than Rs. 30 lakhs?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: Sir I have given the official figure here.

*494. [The questioner (Shri Maheswar Naik) was absent. For answer, vide col. 2459 infra.]

*495. [The questioner (Shri Vijay Singh) was absent. For answer, vide cols. 2459-60 infra.]

MECHANISED FARMS

*496. SHRI HARIHAR PATEL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to the answer given to Starred Question No. 550 in

the Rajya Sabha on the 11th March, 1959 and state whether Government have since decided to establish mechanised farms, like the one at Suratgarh, at other places in the country?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA): No decision has been taken so far. A Committee has been appointed to go into this question in detail.

SHRI HARIHAR PATEL: May I know, Sir, if it is a fact that the machineries obtained for the Suratgarh mechanised farm are much in excess of its requirements at any time and whether many out of those machineries have been simply stored without being used?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: This question has been answered on the floor of the House that the machinery received at Suratgarh was from Russia. We did not request them to send so much in excess of our demand. They thought of the machinery required for a compact area of a farm of 30,000 acres and they sent all that machinery. I can assure the hon. Member that every part of the machinery is safe there. There are nearly six Russian engineers there and they are giving us advice, and Russia is sending us very soon some prefabricated material also to put up a big workshop there.

SHRI AMOLAKH CHAND: May I say, Sir, whether the excess machineries, which are in Suratgarh, cannot be used anywhere else in India, and if so whether any attempt was made by the Food and Agriculture Ministry to utilise those machineries which are lying useless there?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: No, Sir. They are not uselessly lying there. It was examined. I am the Chairman of the Board of Management. We have made use of some of those machineries in Rajasthan canal digging and other works there—whichever was found to be excess.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: It is true that the machinery is safe there, but only the farm is not working satisfactorily. I would like to know, therefore, whether the other mechanised farms in the country will be established after judging the success of this farm or irrespective of it they will establish other farms in the country.

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: In this farm the results have been very good. In fact, the yield of this farm per acre is almost double that of the yield in the adjoining areas. On the basis that this farm has given good results Government have thought that they must try to establish some more farms of this type wherever compact areas are made available by the States.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: The hon. Deputy Minister has said that it is a paying proposition. I would like to know as to whether the paying capacity of this farm is as good as that of the Ashoka Hotel . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: No Ashoka Hotel on farms. Next question.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: I am coming to a relevant question.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Next question.

‡भारत में जहाजों का निर्माण

*३७७. श्री राम सहाय : क्या परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) अपनी आवश्यकताओं की पूर्ति के लिये भारत कब तक जहाज बनाने लगेगा; और

(ख) १९५८-५९ में कितने जहाज खरीदे गये और उन में से प्रत्येक कितने टन का था व उसकी क्या कीमत थी ?

†[BUILDING OF SHIPS IN INDIA

*377. **SHRI RAM SAHAJ:** Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) by when India will be able to build ships for meeting her requirements; and

(b) how many ships were purchased during the year 1958-59 and what was the tonnage and price of each of them?]

परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री राज बहादुर) : (क) अभी यह बताना संभव नहीं है कि भारत कब तक अपनी जरूरत के मुताबिक जहाज बनाने में समर्थ हो सकेगा। भारत में आजकल जहाज बनाने का सिर्फ एक ही कारखाना है, इस तरह के एक दूसरे कारखाने के स्थापित करने के सवाल पर अलग से विचार किया जा रहा है। ऐसी हालत में यह जरूरी है कि अधिकांशतः विदेशों से जरूरत के अनुसार जहाज मंगा कर भारत में उनकी कमी पूरी की जाये।

(ख) १९५८-५९ में १०.०१ करोड़ रुपये लागत के ८३.८९१ ग्रास टन के १५ जहाज खरीदे गये। इस सम्बन्ध में एक विस्तृत व्यौरा सभा-पटल पर रखा जा रहा है।