

SHRIMATI YASHODA REDDY: Dr. Sikka in his report has said that in Andhra, especially in the *Sircar* areas, the availability of milk is so much as to warrant six milk-powder producing plants. Is the Government of India considering it and is there any scope of Andhra getting any of these milk-powder-producing schemes?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: I went earlier to Krishna district and sent Dr. Sikka afterwards, and he has reported that this Krishna district, especially the Guntur and Vijayawada area, is very rich in milk, even richer than Punjab, and he says that there is reasonable scope for developing the milk industry there. There is no big city like Delhi there, which requires all the milk of that area. Here there is the population to consume milk; a big city like Delhi requires 7,000 maunds of milk per day whereas there is no population to consume the liquid milk available there. So we have to convert this liquid milk into milk-powder or baby food and so on, for which we are taking action.

SHRIMATI YASHODA REDDY: It is exactly to convert it into powder . . .

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: May I know, Sir, if the Delhi Milk Scheme will fulfil all the milk requirements of the Delhi city and, if not, how many months it will take to meet them?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: As per calculations at present, Delhi requires now about 7,000 maunds of milk per day and this plant has the capacity to handle 7,000 maunds per day. But, there is a provision also to increase the capacity up to- 12,000 maunds having in view the increasing population and the consequent increasing demand for milk in Delhi.

SHRI JUGAL KISHORE: Is the Government aware that there is the biggest livestock farm in Punjab

which is only 100 miles from this place, and is the Government making use of that livestock farm in order to supply the milk requirements of Delhi?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: I had been to Hissar farm there, Sir. It is not a milk-producing farm; on the other hand it is a bull-producing farm; it produces more of breeding bulls than milk there.

SHRIMATI YASHODA REDDY: The hon. Minister was pleased to say that Andhra had a greater yield of milk than Punjab. He said that they cannot have immediately milk powder producing factories set up there. But may I know, Sir, whether they are thinking of transporting the milk in any refrigerator or cooling plant from Andhra to some other place? That they can do without much cost, to Madras especially, which requires it.

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: That is exactly the scheme. We want to collect the milk in Krishna and then send it to Hyderabad which is very much in need of milk and then start converting it into milk-powder.

BREAK JOURNEY ON RETURN TICKETS TO HILL STATIONS

*372. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received requests for allowing break journey on return tickets to hill stations;

(b) whether any decision has been taken on these requests; and

(c) whether return tickets are issued for religious fairs and melas?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER or RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) Yes.

(b) Break of journey is permitted as per rules on the return trip. The

requests received were for allowing break journey on the outward trip and they have not been agreed to.

(v) Yes; on a few occasions and only at two single journey fares.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I know, Sir, whether passengers going to Mussoorie can break journey at Hardwar either on outward or inward journey?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: They can do so on the return journey.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I know, Sir, whether the mileage restriction comes in the way of breaking journey at Hardwar?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: It does riot; we have waived that.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I know, Sir, whether it is a fact that endorsement has to be made at Dehra Dun on all return journey tickets, whether the persons get into the train at Dehra Dun or Hardwar or Roorkee?

MR. CHAIRMAN: All these details he does not have.

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: I am not aware of all these details.

SHRI H. V. TRIPATHI: Due to congestion in trains, passengers from Dehra Dun and Mussoorie are unable to avail of the facility of breaking journey at Hardwar while on return journey. Is the Government thinking of revising the present position and allowing 'break journey' while proceeding to Mussoorie and Dehra Dun?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: The object of not allowing persons to break journey while they are going to the place is because some people have misused this concession. Someone in Bombay wants to go to Delhi by return ticket from Dehra Dun, and that way they save money even on that trip, Sir. So we have been

insisting on the persons going to the place first, and on the return journey they can break their journey.

SHRI H. V. TRIPATHI: Is it not possible to find out a procedure by which the passengers, while proceeding to Mussoorie or Dehra Dun, may be able to get a certificate at Dehra Dun that they have reached Dehra Dun so that misuse of the return tickets may not be made?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: That will be too cumbersome. After all it does not make much difference whether they are breaking journey on the onward journey or on the backward journey.

SHRI H. V. TRIPATHI: As I have already slated, there is a lot of congestion while returning from Dehra Dun and it is very difficult for passengers to get the train at Hardwar whereas it is very easy for them to entrain at Dehra Dun. So is it not possible to think of some ways and means by which misuse of return tickets may not be made and at the same time facilities may be provided while proceeding to Dehra Dun?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: The matter has been considered at length. It was also placed before the National Railway Users Consultative Committee on two occasions. And even they have agreed that this request should not be acceded to.

MEDICAL COLLEGES FOR STUDENTS FROM UNION TERRITORIES

*373. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state whether there are any medical colleges in India exclusively for students from Union Territories?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR) : Yes; the Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi, is mainly intended for students belonging to Delhi and other Union Territories.