

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: For both, for improving the already existing ones and for the starting of new ones, a sum of Rs. 4,97,400 was given in 1956-57 and a sum of Rs. 5,95,000 in 1957-58.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: May I know the amount of money given to the States, Statewise?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: It is a big list, Sir. Andhra got Rs. 40,000; Assam got Rs. 12,000 and odd. Bihar got Rs. 79,000.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Place it on the Table.

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: Yes, Sir, I will place it on the Table.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: What was the basis of distribution of grants? Was it distributed on a regional basis or at the request of the various States?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: Mostly on the request of the various States because this involves the provision of matching grants by the States. The States should also have enough money to meet the matching grants. Each State has a programme to bring into existence so many goshalas in the second Five Year Plan. So, it depends upon the number of goshalas that they want to start.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: May I know the total number of goshalas which have been opened newly in 1956-57?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: We have started 72 goshalas. The total for the second Plan is 346.

SHRI PRITHVIRAJ KAPOOR: May I know whether the Government is taking any steps to bring to book and to punish those individuals and organisations who collect funds for goshalas where there are no cows and no shalas at all?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: It is not for goshalas but mostly for institutions like the Pinjrapole. Some of the organisations, private organisations, like the Humanitarian League and Jain Associations, go on collecting funds.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: Do these goshalas receive help direct from the Centre or through the States? I also want to know whether the States contribute anything or it is only the Centre that does it.

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: The States have to give the matching grants in each case. Every State has to pay a matching grant.

•13. [The questioner (Shri M. Vali-ulla) was absent. For answer, vide col, 56 infra.]

IMPORT OF FOODGRAINS

♦14. SHRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIAR: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of foodgrains expected to be imported in 1958-59; and

(b) the amount of foreign exchange to be spent thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI A. M. THOMAS): (a) and (b). The budget for 1958-59 provides for the purchase of 20 lakh tons of wheat and 5.3 lakh tons of rice. This would involve foreign exchange payment of Rs. 36.12 crores. Arrangements have so far been made for shipment during 1958-59 of 12.92 lakh tons of wheat, 2.23 lakh tons of rice, 1 lakh tons of milo and 25 thousand tons of maize. The additional quantity of foodgrains to be imported during the year will depend on the next PL 480 agreement.

SHRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIAR: May I know how this that was given for the expansion and expenditure of the previous years?

SHRI A. M. THOMAS: In the previous years, the foreign exchange was to the extent of 36 crores of rupees in a total expenditure of Rs. 167 crores.

SHRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIAR: May I take it that there is no increase of expenditure in regard to the foreign exchange content in the current year? Is that the idea?

SHRI A. M. THOMAS: Our idea is to have a3 little of foreign exchange expenditure as possible but it all depends upon various factors.

SHRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIAR: I want to know, as a matter of fact, for the current year.

SHRI A. M. THOMAS: The amount provided is not higher than last year. For the year 1958-59, a sum of Rs. 111 crores has been provided out of which the foreign exchange expenditure will be of the order of Rs. 36 crores.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: May I know how much will have to be paid for freight charges? I want to know whether the freight charges have gone up.

SHRI A. M. THOMAS: For the wheat that we import under the PL-480 Agreement, fifty per cent, of the freight charges will be paid from the dollars provided under the Agreement and we will have to pay the balance 50 per cent.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: I want to know the total amount that has to be spent.

SHRI A. M. THOMAS: I want notice with regard to the total amount.

रेल दुर्घटनाएं

*१५. श्री राम सहाय : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) १९५८ के अप्रैल, मई और जून के महीनों में देश में कितनी रेल दुर्घटनाएँ हुईं और उनसे कितनी जन हानि हुई;

(ख) इन दुर्घटनाओं के कारण रेलवे को कितनी क्षति पहुँची; और

(ग) इन दुर्घटनाओं के कारण क्या थे और उन कारणों को दूर करने के लिये क्या कार्यवाही करने का विचार है ?

t [RAILWAY ACCIDENTS

•15. SHRI RAM SAHAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway accidents which occurred in the country during the months of April, May and June, 1958, and the loss of human life involved therein;

(b) the amount of loss suffered by the Railways in these accidents; and

(c) what were the causes of these accidents and what steps are proposed to be taken to remove them?

रेल उपमंत्री (श्री शाहनवाज खां) :

(क) इस अवधि में ७ बड़ी रेल दुर्घटनाएँ हुईं, जिनमें ३८ आदमी मर गये ।

(ख) अन्दाज है कि रेलवे को लगभग १,८८,००० रुपये का नुकसान पहुँचा ।

(ग) एक विवरण सभा पटल पर रख दिया गया है ।

मामूली दुर्घटनाओं के बारे में सूचना मंगायी जा रही है ।

† [] English translation.