

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN : No, Sir. The answer makes it quite clear. We were able to receive 2100 wagons in time and there was delay in the receipt of only 500 and that to was confined to one month only. We do not know the reasons why this delay occurred. That is precisely enquired into and that was what I stated in my reply.

PANDIT S. S. TANKHA : Has the delay been due to the closure of the Suez Canal?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN : No, it was not due to that. That will be not delivery but receipt at this end.

REPLACEMENT OF REFRESHMENT ROOMS BY ANNAPURNA CAFETERIA OR DEPARTMENTAL CATERING

***240. SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM :** Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state the number of stations where refreshment rooms run by contractors were replaced either by Annapurna Cafeteria or by departmental catering in the year 1954-55?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN) : No. Refreshment Rooms, previously run by contractors, were either replaced by Annapurna Cafeteria or by departmental catering during the year 1954-55.

However, during this period a Restaurant at Ghaziabad station on the Northern Railway, which was surrendered by M/s. Spencer and Co., was converted into a Cafeteria and licensed to the All India Women's Food Council, and Restaurants at Dhanbad, Jamalpur, Ranchi Road, Bolpur, Gaya, Asansol, Patna Jn. and Moghalsarai stations on the Eastern Railway which were surrendered by M/s. G. F. Kellner and Co., were taken over for departmental working.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM : Is the hon. Minister aware that the Annapurna authorities are prepared to take charge of catering in

as many stations as are sanctioned by the Government?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN : Yes, Sir we are aware that they are prepared to extend their working but it is a different matter to what extent the Railways are prepared to give the facilities to them to open their catering arrangements.

DR. SHRIMATI SEETA PERMANAND : Have the Railways found the Annapurna catering satisfactory in the stations in which such a system is working?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN : They are working at Ghaziabad and Lucknow and we have not received very many complaints about them. Recently, on the recommendations of the Estimates Committee, we have issued instructions to the various Railways who do not have any refreshment rooms run by women's organisations, to give facilities to the women's organisations as an experiment for a few months. Instructions are being given effect to by the various Railways.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM : Are the Government aware that there is a great demand for Annapurna Cafeterias everywhere because they are very useful and popular?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN : We know that they have done good work in some places but I might say, Sir, that their work at Ghaziabad has not been of a very outstanding nature.

DR. D. H. VARIAVA : May I know why non-vegetarian Cafeterias and refreshment rooms are not available from Guntakal to Bangalore?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN : That is a different question. Sir, If the hon. Member likes, I shall look into the matter.

PANDITS S. S. N. TANKHA : Is the Government aware that the Annapurna canteens have not been working very satisfactorily and that they were not able to provide even morning tea to passengers even at Ghaziabad Railway Station?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: Sir, some time back, a complaint or two were received but things have improved considerably since.

SHRI R. P. N. SINHA: Is it a fact that the Annapurna do not cater for non-vegetarian food ?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: The Annapurna Catering Establishment at Ghaziabad Station serves non-vegetarian food.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: May know if the food, in, and service of, Annapurna is much better than other cafeterias and other contractors?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: It is a matter of opinion.

TUBEWELLS CONSTRUCTED UNDER THE T.C.M. AND G.M.F. PROGRAMMES

*241. **SHRI M. VALIULLA:** Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state.

(a) the number of tubewells constructed so far under (i) the Technical Co-operation Mission Programme and (ii) the Grow More Food Programmes; and

(b) how many of these tubewells are working at present ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR FOOD (SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA): (a) Up to the end of October, 1956, 2,644 out of the 2,650 tubewells under the T. C. M. Programmes and 551 tubewells out of the 700 tubewells under the G. M. F. Programme of 1954 had been constructed.

(b) 2,072 tubewells of the T. C. M. Programmes and 211 tubewells of the G. M. F. Programme are working at present.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: May I know why the others are not working ?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: That means they are not given electricity. Tubewells require power energy and in some places it takes

time to supply them power. In such places it has to be at a standstill till power is received.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: When there was no power available, why is it that these tubewells have been constructed ?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: There is power in PEPSU; they expected to get a certain quota of power from Bhakra-Nangal but they could not get the entire quota they expected, and so they could not give power to all the tubewells. But now PEPSU has become part of the Punjab and Punjab has got enough quota from Bhakra-Nangal and I think they will soon get all the necessary power.

SHRI M. VALIULLA : What is the total cost for these things and how much was under the T. C. M. Programme and how much under the G. M. F. Programme ?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: The total cost of Government of India comes to nearly Rs. 10,79,31,000 and under the T. C. M. it comes to about 1,86,44,000 dollars.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: May I know the area which was brought under cultivation on account of this T. C. M. Programme and also on account of this G. M. F. Programme and what was the production from these areas ?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: The area per tubewell comes to about 150 to 200 acres and in all it might come to 8 to 10 lakh acres.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: May I know what are the places where these tubewells have been constructed in the different States ?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: Mostly four States—U. P., Punjab, PEPSU and Bihar.

DR. SHRIMATI SEETA PARAMANAND): What is the total increase in production as a result of this water made available from these tubewells?