

SHRI M. VALIULLA: When is the installation of the other cranes likely to be completed?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: It will be done immediately. It is a phased programme.

#### RESERVE STOCK OF-FERTILIZERS IN STATES

†\*98. SHRI VIJAY SINGH: Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government for keeping reserve stock of fertilizers in the States?

THE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE (DR. P. S. DESHMUKH): The State Governments are responsible for making arrangements for the storage and distribution of fertilizers. They have been advised to keep adequate reserve stocks.

SHRI BARKATULLAH KHAN: Has the Government called for information from the State Governments with regard to the construction made so far?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: I did not quite follow.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Have the Government obtained information from the State Governments as to what they have done in this matter?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: Yes, Sir. I have got complete information with regard to the number of retail depots and agents and whether they have had any complaints with regard to the adequacy or inadequacy of stocks.

PROF. G. RANGA: Are the Government doing anything to enable the State Governments to have the necessary storehouses for stocking these reserves?

†Postponed from the 28th November 1955.

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: We have a fairly big plan for increasing the storehouses and godowns.

PROF. G. RANGA: For manures?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: No State Government has asked for any assistance in this. There is no scheme for the present.

श्री कन्हैयालाल दौ० बच्च : क्या माननीय मंत्री महोदय बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या फर्टिलाइजर्स का उपयोग करने के लिये रियासतों के अन्दर संतोषजनक व्यवस्था है और क्या इस विषय में केन्द्र की ओर से कोई जांच होती रहती है ?

डा० पी० एस० दशमुख : जी हाँ, जांच तो होती रहती है मगर स्टेट गवर्नमेंट्स खुद ही बतलाती हैं। हमारे पास कोई एंसी एजेंसी नहीं है जो कि खुद जा कर देखे लेकिन स्टेट गवर्नमेंट्स ने जहाँ तक बतलाया है उससे ऐसा कुछ मालूम हुआ कि दो, तीन स्टेटों में अच्छा इंतजाम नहीं था और फर्टिलाइजर्स की कुछ कमी भी पड़ी थी।

डा० श्रीमती सीता परमानन्द : क्या सरकार इस बात को जानती है कि फर्टिलाइजर्स के एक बॉर से कम नहीं मिलने के कारण बहुत से गरीब काशतकार इसका उपयोग नहीं कर सकते हैं ?

डा० पी० एस० दशमुख : एंसी कोई दिक्कत सामने पेश नहीं हुई।

12 Noon

MR. CHAIRMAN: The questions are over.

#### SHORT NOTICE QUESTION

TELEPRINTER FACILITIES FOR THE NEAR AND FAR EAST NEWS AGENCY

SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR: Will the Minister for COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Near and Far East News Agency has

applied for teleprinter facilities from Bombay to Delhi; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, whether Government have agreed to extend this facility to the said Agency; if so, on what terms?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR):** (a) A request has been received.

(b) It is not possible to provide the circuit due to shortage of channels.

**SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR:** Is it only due to the shortage of channels that it is not possible to provide the circuit or is there any other policy which the Government is following in this matter?

**SHRI RAJ BAHADUR:** I have said it in the reply to the question. We have not got spare channels. We have got 36 channels and all of them are occupied.

**SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR:** Is the hon. Minister aware that this news agency has now entered into a combine with an American news agency, the U.P.A. and that the policy laid down by the Government was that no teleprinter facilities would be granted to foreign news agencies?

**SHRI RAJ BAHADUR:** So far as we are concerned, the Posts and Telegraphs Department is a commercial-cum-public utility department. If we get customers and we have got spare capacity, we shall definitely see.

**SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR:** May I take it that the policy enunciated by Sardar Patel has now been abandoned by the Government?

**SHRI RAJ BAHADUR:** I am not aware of that enunciation of policy. I will only say that if it is there then our decision will be in consonance with that particular policy, that is,

that policy will also be taken notice of.

**SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR:** Has he any information as regards this NAFEN which acts in different countries under different names and that it generally functions for spreading anti-Indian news and slander in other countries?

**SHRI RAJ BAHADUR:** I may repeat, Sir, that if that is the declared policy, then that will also be taken note of when the circuit is given.

**SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR:** May I know whether the Government have got any information regarding the character of the news agency?

**SHRI RAJ BAHADUR:** The question should be addressed to the Ministry of Home Affairs or the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

#### WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

#### गाड़ियों पर खाद्य पदार्थों का विक्रय

६६. श्री कृष्णकांत व्यास : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने यात्री गाड़ियों में खाद्य पदार्थों की बिक्री के वर्तमान प्रबन्ध में हाल में कुछ परिवर्तन किये हैं और यदि हां, तो वे परिवर्तन क्या हैं ; और

(ख) क्या भोजन गाड़ियों में प्राप्त होने वाले खाद्य पदार्थों की कीमतों में कोई कमी की गई है ?

†[SALE OF FOOD-STUFFS ON TRAINS

96. SHRI KRISHNAKANT VYAS: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently effected any changes in the existing arrangement for the sale of

†English translation.