

collection, and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha when available.

(b) Very few complaints of this nature have been received. The average is about 200 complaints per month for every 1000 (one thousand) subscribers' meters.

डा० रघुवीर : ये मीटर भारतवर्ष में बने हैं अथवा विदेश में बने हैं और भारतवर्ष में कब तक इनके बनने की आशा हो सकती है ?

श्री राज बहादुर : मीटर्स बंगलौर टेलिफोन फॅक्टरी में बनने आरम्भ हुये हैं, ऐसा मेरा अनुमान है। मैं निश्चित सूचना एक पृथक् प्रश्न पर दे सकूंगा।

CONSTRUCTION OF KANDLA PORT

•154. MOULANA M. FARUQI: Will the Minister for TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the progress so far made in the construction of Kandla Port and when the project is expected to be completed; and

(b) what amount has already been spent on the project?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN) : (a) In terms of expenditure the progress made on the Kandla Harbour Project Works is 330 per cent. The several items of work are in different stages of progress. The project as a whole is expected to be completed by March 1957.

(b) Rs. 457.10 lakhs till the end of January 1955.

• مولانا ایم- فاروقی : اس پورٹ

کے پورا ہو جانے کے بعد اس کی کیمپیسٹی کیا ہوگی اس کا کچھ اندازہ ہے یعنی کتنی گنجائش اس میں ہوگی ؟

† [مولانا ایم० فاروقی : اس پورٹ کے پورا ہونے کے بعد اس کی کیمپیسٹی کیا ہوگی،

اسکا کچھ اندازہ ہے ؟ یا تو کتنی گنجائش اس میں ہوگی ؟]

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes, Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri.

MOULANA M. FARUQI: What will be the capacity of the Port after completion?

SHRI LAL BAHADUR: The hon. Member is repeating the question in English, for the Deputy Minister.

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: About a million tons, or even more.

SHRI LAV.TI LAKHAMSHI: May I know.

مولانا ایم- فاروقی : اس سکیم کے سلسلہ میں لیور کے لئے کچھ کوارٹرس بنانے کا بھی انتظام ہے یا نہیں ؟

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श्री लाल बहादुर : जी हां, बहुत काफी इंतजाम है।

Sir, whether the progress of the construction is running according to schedule?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: There was some initial delay, but now it is according to schedule.

SHRI LAVJI LAKHAMSHI: Is it a fact that the delay was due to their not getting the iron and steel in time?

SHRI LAL BAHADUR: That is not so. In fact it was due to some conflict among the various partners, I mean the contractors who were appointed. There were two or three partners and there was difference amongst them and work could not pull on satisfactorily. But now It has been settled and the work is progressing satisfactorily.

SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR: May I know, Sir, whether the assurances, which were given by the contractors to the employees about which a reference was made in this House on a previous occasion, have been implemented?

SHRI LAL BAHADUR: I think so, because we have received no complaints from them now.

BREACHES IN RAILWAY LINES

*133. SHRI H. C. DASAPPA (ON BEHALF OF SHRI M. VALIULLA): Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what measures Government have taken to stop the recurrence of breaches in the railway line between Jullundur Cantonment and Hoshiarpur; and

(b) what is the number of breaches in that area during the last five years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): (a) Two-feet thick stone Revetment laid dry has been provided on both sides of the Railway bank liable to breaches, with an apron and a drop-wall on the up-stream side.

(b) Two only.

SHRI H. C. DASAPPA: What is the distance between the two points?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: Between Jullundur Cantonment and Hoshiarpur? I do not have the information.

POWER-DRIVEN MACHINES FOR SIEVING RICE

*138. SHRI H. C. DASAPPA (ON BEHALF OF SHRI M. VALIULLA): Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government own any power-driven machines for the sieving of rice and other grains;

(b) the extent of work done so far by each such machine; and

(c) what is the cost of each machine?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA):

(a) The Central Government owns one power-driven machine for the sieving of grain at Bombay.

(b) Figures of quantities cleaned are not readily available.

(c) Rs. 5,540.

SHRI H. C. DASAPPA: May I know, Sir, whether there is any advantage in having these power-driven machines?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: There is advantage, but then it will create unemployment because generally this sieving function is done by ladies and one machine, if it is installed, will create unemployment for 150 ladies. So we do not try to have many machines.

POOL PRICE OF IMPORTED WHEAT

*139. SHRI H. C. DASAPPA (ON BEHALF OF SHRI M. VALIULLA): Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the pooled price at present for the imported wheat; and

(b) whether this pooled rate is uniform throughout the country?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA):

(a) Rs. 13/8 per maund for cargo delivered in bags ex-Central Government godowns/docks loaded into wagons/trucks.

(b) Yes.

SHRI H. C. DASAPPA: May I have some information as to the persons to whom this wheat is being sold now?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: This wheat at this price is generally sold to the big mills and then to the small traders and then to individual consumers if they are prepared to buy large amounts.

SHRI H. C. DASAPPA: Is there any attempt to see that the wheat is sold at the prices at which it was purchased,