

SHRI GOPIKRISHNA VIJAIVARGI-YA: Is there any scheme under consideration that the Members of Parliament should also receive medical aid on a contributory basis?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: No, Sir. It is for Members of Parliament to consider and put up a scheme to me.

SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR: May I know, Sir, whether Class IV employees and their families are also eligible for free medical treatment?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: Yes, Sir.

SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR: May I know, Sir, whether the panel system or service system is adopted for this scheme?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: Service system.

SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR: It is a fact that the Labour Ministry was in favour of the panel system?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: No, Sir. The Labour Ministry was not consulted on this. It was a decision of the Cabinet, a unanimous decision. I think the hon. Member is mixing this scheme up with the Employees State Insurance Scheme.

**CHAIRMAN OF THE RAILWAY BOARD'S
VISIT TO JAPAN**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chairman of the Railway Board had

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जापानी रेल इंजनों की जांच
*३९१. श्री कृष्णकान्त व्यास : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:
(क) क्या यह सच है कि जापान से जिन रेल इंजनों को खरीदने के

gone to Japan for the inspection of locomotives for which orders were placed in that country; and

(b) if so, what report he has made about the quality of the locomotives?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): (a) The Chairman, Railway Board, visited Japan to examine and progress arrangements for the inspection, handling and shipping of rolling stock and other railway components orders from Japanese manufacturers.

(b) At the time of the visit, the manufacture of these locomotives was still in the preliminary stages. The quality of the work seen by him is reported to have been up to specifications.

श्री कृष्णकान्त व्यास : अध्यक्ष महोदय, जो सवाल हिन्दी में पूछे जाते हैं उनका जवाब हिन्दी में ही मिलना चाहिये। इस सवाल का जवाब मैं हिन्दी में ही चाहता हूँ।

MR. CHAIRMAN: Shastriji is here.

श्री लाल बहादुर : (अ) जी हां, यह सही है कि चेयरमैन रेलवे बोर्ड जापान गये थे और वहाँ उन्होंने इस बात का इन्तजाम देखा, जो इंजन बन रहे हैं उनकी उन्होंने जांच की और उनको किस तरह से हिन्दुस्तान लाया जाय, उसका इन्तजाम भी उन्होंने देखा।

लिये आर्डर दिये गये थे, उन इंजनों की जांच के लिए रेलवे बोर्ड के अध्यक्ष जापान गये थे; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उन इंजनों के गुणों के बारे में उन्होंने क्या प्रतिवेदन पेश किया है ?

(ब) जब वे वहाँ गये तो उन्होंने देखा कि इंजन अभी शुरू की हालत में ही बन रहे हैं लेकिन जिस तरह से बनाये जा रहे हैं उससे वे इस नतीजे पर पहुंचे कि जैसे नमूने उनको दिये गये थे उसी के अनुसार ही इंजन बन रहे हैं।

श्री कृष्णकान्त व्यास : सरकार ने जो आर्डर दिया था उसका क्या हुआ ?

श्री लाल बहादुर : अभी तो इंजन बन ही रहे हैं :

श्री कृष्णकान्त व्यास : मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि कितने इंजनों का आर्डर दिया गया है ?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

RE-SALE OF PLATFORM TICKETS

t*392. SHRI KRISHNAKANT VYAS: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any case of re-sale of platform tickets was detected recently at the Delhi railway station; if so, when; and

(b) the manner in which the case has been disposed of?

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प्लेटफार्म टिकटों का पुनर्विक्रय

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रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(अ) क्या पिछले दिनों दिल्ली रेलवे स्टेशन पर प्लेटफार्म टिकटों के पुनर्विक्रय का कोई मामला पकड़ा गया है, यदि हाँ तो कब; और

(ब) उस मामले को कैसे निपटाया गया ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): (a) Yes Sir, in May 1954.

(b) The staff at fault has been placed under suspension. The case is under investigation by the Special Police Establishment.

IMPORT OF APPLES

180. SHRI C. L. VARMA: Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a great slump in the apple market this year; and

(b) the quantity of apples imported from foreign countries during the years 1952-53, 1953-54 and so far in the year 1954-55?

THE MINISTER FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAFI AHMAD KIDWAI): (a) A statement showing the retail prices of apples at Delhi from -Tanuary 1953 to August 1954 is enclosed. [See Appendix VIII. Annexure No. 111.]

It will be seen therefrom that there is some decline in the apple prices this year as compared to last year.

(b) Data about imports of apples are not separately available since apples are included under 'fresh fruits' in the foreign trade statistics of India.

GROW MORE FOOD FUNDS FOR PRIVATE SCHEM

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

(a) whether subsidy is given to Grow More Food schemes of a private nature;

(b) what are the works of private nature for which subsidy is given;