

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: Investigations are being carried out by the State Government. That station is located in an area which is on the border of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh where there are lots of dacoits. There is a famous, well-known gang by name 'Devi Singh's gang'. These people were armed with lathis. They came to the station master and they started shouting 'Devi Singh has come, Devi Singh has come.' Actually from the investigations made so far, it appears that it was a gang of Kabutrinuts. They are criminal tribes.

Shrimati Ila Falchoudhuri: Would it not be feasible to keep some sort of fire-arms with the station master and the station staff to guard themselves against such incidents?

Shri Jagjivan Ram: Even after that, I do not know how hon Member thinks that such a contingency will be ruled out. It is not possible to provide adequate guards at every station. We will have to depend upon the steps taken by the State Government for the maintenance of law and order.

Shri C. K. Bhattacharya: May I know whether any compensation will be given to the railway staff whose property has been looted because they could not be protected?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: I hope their property will be recovered by the police.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Rural University at Rudrapur

*1309. **Shri Raghunath Singh:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Central Government proposes to help in the setting up by U.P. Government of a Rural University at Rudrapur?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): The question of rendering financial assistance to the

U.P. Government for establishment of an Agricultural University at Rudrapur is at present under consideration of the Government of India.

Opening of New Post Offices

*1310. **Shri Damani:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state how far Government have been successful in implementing the scheme of opening experimental extra-departmental branch post offices in various villages in India during 1956-57 and 1957-58 so far?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): Out of the target of about 20,000 post offices of all categories proposed to be opened during the Second Five-Year Plan period, 3,498 experimental extra departmental branch post offices were opened during 1956-57 and 286 during 1957-58 upto 30-9-57.

Banihal Tunnel

*1314. **Shri Shivnanjappa:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the initial boring of the second tube of the Banihal Tunnel has been completed;

(b) if so, how many foreign and Indian technicians are working on the spot; and

(c) the total expenditure incurred so far?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The number of technicians employed on the Tunnel project varies from time to time. During the last 12 months the number of foreign technicians varied from 40 to 50 and that of Indian technicians from 100 to 400.

(c) Rs. 106.05 lakhs up to 31st October 1957.

Warehouses

*1319. **Shri Balarama Krishniah:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Warehousing Corporation would be able to acquire the warehouses in all the proposed centres;

(b) if not, whether there is any proposal to construct warehouses in the proposed centres, and

(c) the place selected in Andhra Pradesh?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) No, Sir. The intention is not to acquire warehouses by the Central Warehousing Corporation in all the proposed centres. To begin with, warehouses are being started at a few places where suitable accommodation could be had on hire.

(b) Yes, Sir

(c) The places provisionally selected in Andhra Pradesh are as under:—

- (i) Rajahmundry.
- (ii) Vizawada
- (iii) Guntur
- (iv) Tadepalligudem.
- (v) Adoni
- (vi) Nandyal

Food and Agriculture Organisation Centre

*1324. **Sardar Iqbal Singh:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Food and Agriculture Organisation Centre on Farm Planning and Management was held in India; and

(b) if so, the main functions and programmes of the Centre?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) Yes. The centre was organised in New Delhi from the 14th October to the 8th November, 1957 by the F.A.O. in cooperation with the Ministry of Food and Agriculture.

(b) The overall purpose of the Centre was to study and demonstrate how a knowledge of farm planning and management both at the farm and government level could be used to raise farm income and production in Asia and the Far East. The programme of the Centre included lectures on the various technical aspects of farm management, discussions, country reports, field trips, followed by laboratory exercises in the application of various farm planning techniques and a symposium on the importance of farm management studies in stepping up agricultural production. In particular the advantages and need for a farm management approach to agricultural extension work were highlighted in the proceedings of the Centre.

Rural Electrification in Rajasthan

*1325. **Shri Karni Singhji:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state whether the Union Government have asked the Rajasthan Government to prepare and place their plans for rural electrification in the northern parts of the Bikaner Division for the current and ensuing years?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri S. K. Patil): No, Sir.

'Gibberellic Acid'

*1326. **Shri V. P. Nayar:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India are keeping track of the developments and research following the successful isolation of an element from rice-disease-causing fungus found in Japan and named "gibberellic acid" by Dr. Percey Brian of U.K.;

(b) if so, whether experiments in the use of gibberellic acid are being tried in India; and

(c) if so, the results obtained so far?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) By application of Gibberellic Acid the growth of mature embryos was stimulated through cell elongation. The experiments are being continued.

Discriminatory Treatment to Indian Passengers

*1327. { Shri H. N. Mukerjee:
Shri M. Ellas:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to alleged discriminatory treatment of Indian passengers, most of them students, on board the Messageries Maritimes ship Viet-Nam from Bombay to Marseilles during August-September, 1957;

(b) whether the matter has been taken up; and

(c) if so, with what results?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) Yes

(b) and (c) Yes The matter has been taken up with the Shipping Company's Agents at Bombay and their reply is being awaited

Minor Irrigation Projects in West Bengal

*1331 Shri Ghosal:
Shri B. Das Gupta.

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state

(a) the amount allotted to the State of West Bengal for minor irrigation projects in the Second Five Year Plan;

(b) whether the State Government have approached for modification of any of these projects; and

(c) if so, what are these projects?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) Rs. 293.50 lakhs

(b) No

(c) Does not arise.

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क्या रेलवे मंत्री २८ नवम्बर, १९५६ के तारांकित प्रश्न संख्या ५५४ के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या शिक्षा सम्बन्धी समाहकारों के उस दल ने, जिसे हाल ही में रेलवे स्कूलों में विद्यमान सुविधाओं का सर्वेक्षण करने के लिये नियुक्त किया गया था, कोई प्रतिवेदन प्रस्तुत किया है;

(ख) यदि हा. तो उसकी मुख्य-मुख्य सिफारिश क्या है,

(ग) क्या यह सब सिफारिश स्वीकार कर ली गई है, और

(घ) यदि हा. तो य. किम. हद तक कार्यान्वित की गई है ?

रेलवे उपमंत्री (श्री शाहनवाज सा.) :

(क) जो हा।

(ख) में (घ) शिक्षा-समाहकारों (Educational Advisers) की रिपोर्ट पर विचार किया जा रहा है।

Asian Railway Games

*1333. Shri M. B. Thakore: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that he had initiated a scheme of holding the Asian Railway Games at New Delhi this year,

(b) if so, the reasons for cancelling the same; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the said Games were cancelled as no teams of foreign countries accepted the invitation?