

timber forests in Andhra Pradesh. This scheme would include teak plantation work.

Chemical Fertilizers

*750. Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any likelihood of getting chemical fertilizers from the United States of America;

(b) if so, what quantity of this material is likely to be received; and

(c) the cost thereof?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) to (c). No contract for the import of fertilizers from U.S.A. has been placed against the purchases already made for 1958-59 on straight payment basis. Possibilities of import under the aid programme are, however, being explored. It is too early to say what quantities will be coming under the aid programme, if at all.

Soil Survey of India

*751. Shri Raghunath Singh: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Dr. C. E. Kellogg visited India in connection with the soil survey of India; and

(b) if so, whether he has submitted any report?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) Yes, Sir; he remained in the country from 3-1-1958 to 8-2-1958.

(b) He has submitted an advance copy of his report which is under examination.

Railway Bridge over Ganges

*752. { Shri Vajpayee:
Shri Raghunath Singh:
Shri Jagdish Awasthi:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Track over the Railway bridge on the

Ganges at Kanpur depressed while the 486 Down Farukhabad-Lucknow Passenger was passing over it on the 1st February, 1958;

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

(c) the steps taken in the matter?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) While carrying out cleaning and oiling of bearings of one of the spans of the Ganga Bridge, a timber packing was inserted under girder to permit Train No. 486 Down Farukhabad-Lucknow Passenger to pass at a very slow speed. This was done to prevent undue detention to this train. As this timber gave way, there was a depression of a few inches in the Track.

(c) A District Officers Joint Enquiry has been ordered

Fire in Calcutta-Bombay Mail

*753. Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state

(a) whether the attention of the Government of India has been drawn to the news appearing in "The Statesman" of the 21st February, 1958 that 13 persons—seven women and six children were injured as a result of fire in a second class compartment on the Calcutta-Bombay Mail passing between Godwara and Salchawka Road Stations on the 20th February, 1958;

(b) if so, the cause of the fire and the other details of the incident;

(c) the latest condition of the injured; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to prevent a recurrence of such incidents?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) to (d). A Statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 55.]