

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): A preliminary technical examinations has been made to determine a suitable site for the location of the proposed port. This revealed the necessity for carrying out fresh hydrological experiments and the collection of further data regarding erosion effects, frequency and magnitude of bore tides etc. This is being done.

Plant Protection

*1545. Shri R. Narayanasamy: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the cardamom plants are dying out in Devicolam Taluq Kerala State, in Kodaikanal Taluq Madurai District and other parts in the Madras State; and

(b) if so, whether any steps have been taken by the Government of India in the matter under Plant Protection Schemes?

The Minister for Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) and (b). A statement is placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha. (See Appendix IV, annexure No. 79).

Medical Delegation to U.S.S.R.

*1546. Shrimati Parvathi Krishnan: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Medical delegation visited the U.S.S.R.;

(b) if so, whether the delegation has submitted any report and made any recommendations; and

(c) the action taken on these recommendations?

The Minister of Health (Shri Kar-markar): (a) and (b). The reply is in the affirmative.

(c) The suggestions made by the Indian Delegation were brought to the notice of the State Governments.

Rajasthan Canal

*1547. Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether the administrative set-up has been finalised to implement the scheme of Rajasthan Canal; and

(b) the progress expected to be made during the year 1957-58?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The project was sanctioned in July, 1957 and the preliminaries are in hand. It would be possible to give a fairly accurate estimate only when the administrative set up is finalised and the staff is in position.

Agrarian Re-organisation

*1548. Shri S. M. Banerjee: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether high level discussions are going to be held in Mysore on agrarian re-organisation; and

(b) if so, whether representatives of all political parties will be invited to attend these talks?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) The All India Sarva Seva Sangh has convened a conference at Mysore on 21st and 22nd September, 1957 with a view to discuss matters relating to the Gramdan movement.

(d) So far as is known, a number of leading personalities; belonging to various parties or to none, have been invited.

Dredger at Kandla Port

*1549. Shri Assar: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the dredger allotted to Kandla Port is unworkable;

(b) if so, what is the defect;

(c) whether Government have hired a dredger to work in Kandla Port; and

(d) if so, what is the rent of that dredger?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (c) No. Sir.

(b) and (d) Do not arise.

रेलगाड़ी का पटरी से उतर जाना

*१५५०. श्री मोहन स्वामी: क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि ११ अगस्त १९५७ को पूर्वोत्तर रेलवे के शाजहापुर पीलीभीत सेक्शन पर बीसलपुर के शेरगज के स्टेशनों के बीच एक रेल दुर्घटना हो गई ?

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि इस दुर्घटना का मुख्य कारण था यह कि वहां के स्लीपर और गडर बहुत पुराने हैं ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो ऐसी दुर्घटनाओं को पुनरावृत्ति रोकने के लिये स्लीपरों तथा बाइंडरो के बारे में सुरक्षात्मक तरीके अपनाने के लिये सरकार क्या कार्यवाही कर रही है ।

रेलवे उपमंत्री (श्री शाहनवाज खां) :

(क) जी हां, दुर्घटना १०-८-५७ को हुई, न कि ११-८-५७ का जैसा कि सवाल में कहा गया है ।

(ख) वजह को जांच की जा रही है ।

(ग) ऊपर भाग (ख) के जवाब में जो कहा गया है उसे देखते हुये सवाल नहीं ऊठता ।

West Coast Road

*1551. Shri Achar: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the West Coast Road passing through the South Canara

District will pass through Ullal and Manjeshwar and Kumbla, or through Penemangalore and Vittal;

(b) if it passes through Ullal--Manjeshwar, the progress made regarding the construction of the bridges at Ullal and other places on this portion of the road; and

(c) the time by which the bridges are expected to be completed?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). The new alignment of the portion of the West Coast Road in South Canara District which was approved in July 1957 passes through Ullal Manjeshwar & Kumbla. No bridge work between Ullal and Manjeshwar has so far been sanctioned.

(c) During the early part of the third Five-Year Plan period.

Training of Indian Physicists in Hospital Physics

*1552. { Shri Hem Barua;
Shri D. C. Sharma:

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal has been discussed recently when he met Dr. I. S. Eve, Medical Officer in charge of health problems relating to the peaceful uses of atomic energy, at the World Health Organisation Geneva, regarding training of Indian Medical personnel in Hospital Physics involving the use of radio isotopes; and

(b) if so, the result of the discussion?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): (a) Yes.

(b) It is hoped that the World Health Organisation will provide:—

(i) Fellowships for training of Indian Medical personnel in (i) hospital physics, (ii) clinical uses of radio isotopes, and (iii) radiation protection.