

**Shri Shah Nawaz Khan:** I have not got the full data with me.

**ALL-INDIA COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION**

\*588. **Shri S. C. Samanta:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) how and when the All-India Council of Agricultural Education was formed;

(b) the constitution and functions of the Council; and

(c) whether a model and uniform curriculum of the agricultural colleges in India has been formed?

**The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh):** (a) The Indian Council of Agricultural Education was formed in November, 1951, on the recommendations of a conference of the State Ministers of Agriculture, Vice-Chancellors and Deans of the Faculties of Agriculture of the Universities and Principals of Agricultural Colleges. The Conference was convened by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 35.]

(c) Yes, it has also been circulated to the Universities.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** May I know whether a seven-man Standing Committee has been elected by the Council, and, if so, what will be its functions?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** The statement mentions the functions of the Council as a whole, and the Standing Committee is expected to perform the very same functions.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** May I know how many times the Council sat since its inception?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** According to my knowledge, about twice.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** May I know whether any special recurring or non-recurring grants have been made to colleges for the training of students who will work in rural areas or surroundings and not in college surroundings?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** No financial assistance of any sort has so far been given, nor are we giving any specific training to the students under the Council. But we are considering if

any steps could be taken for encouraging agricultural education in the country.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** May I know whether all the agricultural colleges in India have taken into consideration the recommendation of the Council that at least one hundred acres of land should be with the colleges in the college compounds?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** I would require notice for that question.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** May I know whether steps have been taken to implement the recommendation of the Committee that agriculture should be introduced as a subject in all primary and middle schools?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** I am afraid this matter has not yet been taken up by the Council.

**Shri K. G. Deshmukh:** May I know what specific assistance the agricultural colleges will get from this new Council?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** Nothing much except advice on determination of uniform standards in the colleges.

**Shri Abdus Sattar:** May I know the number of agricultural colleges and their locations?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** I require notice.

**Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy:** May I know whether some of the students who have passed out of these colleges have been unemployed because they know only the theory of agriculture and not the practice?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** That is not a question, Sir. The hon. Member is propounding a view.

**ASSAM RAIL LINK**

\*589. **Shri B. K. Das:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated loss caused by the last flood to the Assam Rail Link; and

(b) the estimated cost of repairs to be done?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan):** (a) About Rs. 30 lakhs in loss of earnings due to interruption of traffic.

(b) The estimated cost of repairs on the section Mal Jn.-Amingaon is of the order of Rs. 50 lakhs.

**Shri B. K. Das:** May I know whether the repair work has been completed?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** Temporary repairs have been carried out.

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** But there are further proposals for improving the railway lines.

**Shri B. K. Das:** May I know whether any protective measure has been taken to save the line from future damage from floods?

**Shri Alagesan:** Yes, Sir.

**Shri B. K. Das:** May I know the nature of the work contemplated or being done, whether there are any embankments or any new bridges etc.?

**Shri Alagesan:** Embankment works and the making of the foundation of the bridges stronger.

**Shri Barman:** May I know whether Government has considered the question of increasing the number of bridges on the North Bengal-Assam line so that these instances of damage from floods which have increased since 1950 can be diminished or abolished to some extent by giving more outlets than the existing ones?

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. Member is making suggestions for action.

**Shri Barman:** I made the suggestion before, and I am asking whether it has been implemented.

**Mr. Speaker:** A question suggesting action is not permissible. The hon. Member may ask for information.

**Shri Sarangadhar Das:** May I know whether damage to the Assam Rail Link due to floods will be a perennial affair or is anything being done now that will prevent further damages?

**Shri Alagesan:** I may inform the House that it is proposed to effect some improvements in the shape of additional waterways, deeper foundations for bridges etc. at an additional cost of about Rs. 25 lakhs. I think after these are done, it will not be a perennial affair.

#### TRAINING OF WORKERS FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS

\*590. **Shri S. N. Das:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether the training of village-level workers for community projects has started?

(b) If so, what are the names of the centres and the number of workers being trained there?

(c) What are the subjects in which training is being imparted?

(d) Is any syllabus of the course available?

**The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh):** (a) Yes.

(b) A statement giving the required information is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 36.]

(c) Agriculture; Cooperation and Village Participation; Animal Husbandry; Health; Sanitation and Hygiene; Adult Education.

(d) Yes. A copy of the syllabus prepared by the U.P. Government, which was circulated to all Training Centres, is placed on the Table of the House. [Copy placed in the Library See No. P-78/52.]

**Shri S. N. Das:** From the statement it appears that seven centres have been started in seven of the States. May I take it that in other States, such training centres are existing—or are they still to be opened?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** The matter is under consideration, so far as the other States are concerned.

**Shrimati A. Kale:** May I know whether there are any women workers being trained, and, if so, what are their qualifications?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** Not so far.

**Shri S. N. Das:** May I know whether the cost of training is borne by the States or by the Centre?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** It is borne by the Ford Foundation partly, and partly by the 'TCA' agreement which we have entered into.

**Shri S. N. Das:** May I know the time that will be taken for starting these centres in other Part A and Part B States?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** Fairly effective steps are being taken to see that the centres are opened at an early date.

**Shri Sarangadhar Das:** May I know the time-lag between the starting of the projects—I think it was started on the 2nd October—and the time when these trained village workers will take charge of the villages?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** I do not think there has been any great delay or much time-lag. Everything is being expedited as much as possible.

**Shri Veeraswamy:** May I know whether the workers will immediately be engaged in the different project works after the completion of their courses?