

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: No, Sir. There are many new things, not only so far as the preparation and the methods of production are concerned, but vaccine prepared for different animals from different animals.

Dr. M. M. Das: May I know, Sir, whether the trainees who have come to be trained in this Institute have to bear their own expenses or they are met by the international organisation?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: They are sent by their respective States.

RECLAMATION OF LANDS IN SOUTH INDIA

*611. **Shri Ramachandra Reddi:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to extend the activities of the Central Tractor Organisation to South India especially to the areas which are likely to be commanded by the proposed irrigation projects?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): Proposals for extending the activities of the Central Tractor Organisation to certain areas in the Salem District and in the Agency Tracts of Madras State are at present under consideration. The areas are not commanded by any irrigation projects.

Shri Ramachandra Reddi: How long has this been under consideration?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: Only recently, Sir. It has not been under consideration for a long time.

Shri Ramachandra Reddi: When is the consideration likely to be finalised?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: It will not take long, Sir.

Shri P. T. Chacko: May I know, Sir, whether as a result of these reclamation schemes land actually under cultivation in South India has increased in a period of the last five years?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I am afraid I have not got the statistics here.

Shri Raghuramaiah: May I know, Sir, the areas under contemplation?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: In South India.

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: It is too early to say. The second proposal refers to 50,000 acres.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: May I know, Sir, the area to which the activities of the Central Tractor Organisation have been confined at present?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: They are carried out in Bhopal, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh.

Shri B. S. Murthy: May I know, Sir, what particular areas and Agency tracts are under contemplation?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I have not got the information.

Dr. Suresh Chandra: May I know, Sir, whether the C.T.O. wants to open a separate organisation in the South or it wants to extend the activities of the C.T.O. at Bairagarh?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: It will be an independent unit under the C.T.O.

Shri B. K. Das: Do I understand that there was never any demand from the South about this Tractor Organisation being extended there? What are the reasons for the South not yet being included in the scheme?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: A good many States have been managing on their own. It is not necessary that every State should come to the C.T.O. for assistance. Evidently, they have been managing themselves so far.

Pandit C. N. Malviya: May I know the total area already 'tractorised' by the C.T.O.?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: Seven lakh acres.

Shri T. N. Singh: In view of the fact that in the past there have been some complaints by some States regarding the higher rate of tractorisation by the C.T.O., may I know if in the new areas where tractorisation has been proposed, the States' views have been taken on the point?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: They are always taken into account; even where there has been a certain amount of difference, there also the State Governments had committed themselves to a particular figure.

Shri Ramachandra Reddi: May I know, Sir, how many tractors are expected to be put into work, how many have been already secured and how many are going to be ordered?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: If my hon. friend means the proposal so far as Madras is concerned, none of these figures have been worked out.

Shri Sinhasan Singh: May I know, Sir, the number of tractors employed in U. P. and the area of the land they have broken?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: U. P. is not South India. This relates to South India.

Shri Sinhasan Singh: Sir, tractors were sent to U. P. So, I ask the number of tractors sent to U. P. and the extent of land broken.

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: Thirty thousand acres of *tarai* land which was over-grown with forests were reclaimed. There are other areas also.

Shri G. P. Sinha: May I know, Sir, whether an estimate of requirements of tractor has been made for South India?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: We have only one particular suggestion under consideration.

Dr. Suresh Chandra: May I know the reason why this work has not been entrusted to the State Government but undertaken by the C.T.O.

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: Evidently because the State Government desired us to intervene.

Dr. Suresh Chandra: How much expenditure will be involved in this?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: We have not worked that out.

Shri G. P. Sinha: May I know whether the different States have been requested to send their estimates of tractor requirements?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: No, Sir.

Shri Radhelal Vyas: May I know how much of the areas reclaimed by the tractors were under cultivation already before the tractor operations?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: Sir, some areas in Bhopal and some in Madhya Pradesh were already being cultivated. But they were very much *kans* infested and therefore the tractor operation was considered necessary.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Hon. Members put down questions but when they are called they are not here. They may as well give me notice and I need not take the trouble of calling them.

BEKI AND BHULKADOBIA BRIDGES

*818. **Shri Amjad Ali:** (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state how many times the Beki and Bhulkadoba bridges on the Assam Railway have so far breached?

(b) What was the cost incurred on the repairs of each of them on each occasion?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) The present Beki bridge is the eighth

bridge, and the present Bhulkadoba bridge is the fourth bridge constructed during the past 45 years.

(b) The costs of the repairs on each occasion are not readily available but in the case of the Beki bridge the cost of repairs of the seventh bridge was Rs. 12,70,000 and the eighth bridge cost Rs. 52 lakhs. In the case of the Bhulkadoba bridge, temporary restoration in 1942 was done at a cost of Rs. 2,54,000 and the bridge was finally rebuilt in 1942-43 at a cost of Rs. 12,50,000.

Shri Amjad Ali: Is it correct that the Beki bridge was breached 7 times before and this is the 8th time?

Shri Alagesan: It breached several times because the size of the rivers changed.

Shri Amjad Ali: It breached seven times and not several times.

Shri Alagesan: Yes.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Several times or seven times, it is all the same.

श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : सरकार का इस प्रकार से पुल के टूटने से अभी तक कितना नुकसान हुआ ?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: The hon. Member wants to know the loss to Government on account of the breaches from time to time.

Shri Alagesan: I have given the cost of the two bridges, Sir.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: He wants to know what is the loss to the Government on account of the bridges having been washed away.

Shri Alagesan: I do not have the information, Sir.

Shri Amjad Ali: What were the principal causes for the breach of the bridge so often?

Shri Alagesan: There are two or three streams emerging from one river which starts in the Bhutan and they vary in their sizes because of the huge floods and the breaches are caused.

Shri Amjad Ali: Which are those erratic rivers which are responsible for the breaches of these bridges very often?

Shri Alagesan: Beki and Bhulkadoba rivers.