

(d) whether it is a fact that local people have made representation to the State Government for relief;

(e) whether Government propose to stop export of foodgrains from deficit areas of Tripura and import foodgrains from outside in order to ease the situation; and

(f) whether Government propose to open cheap grain shops in those areas where food scarcity exists?

**The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh):** (a) to (f). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**मधेपुरा-मुरलीगंज रेलवे लाइन**

\*२०१९. श्री वी० मिस्त्र : (क) क्या रेल मंत्री यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि बिहार में मधेपुरा और मुरलीगंज के बीच नई रेलवे लाइनें बिछाने का काम कब समाप्त हो जायेगा ?

(ख) इन नई लाइनों पर अब तक कितना रुपया खर्च हुआ है ?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** (a) The Work is expected to be completed by December 1954.

(b) Expenditure incurred in laying these lines to date is approximately Rs. 2.6 lakhs.

**भागलपुर-मन्दार रेलवे लाइन**

\*२०२०. श्री वी० मिस्त्र : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि भागलपुर और मन्दार के बीच नई रेलवे लाइनें बिछाने का काम कब समाप्त हो जायेगा ?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** The Work of Bhagalpur Mandar Hill restoration is expected to be completed by the end of the current financial year.

**CENTRAL LEPROSY RESEARCH INSTITUTE**

\*2021. **Shri Muniswamy:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state whether Government propose to invite foreign medical experts to work in the Central Leprosy Research Institute to be set up at Madras?

**The Deputy Minister of Health (Shrimati Chandrasekhar):** The question of inviting foreign experts to work in the Central Leprosy Teaching and Research Institute will be considered after the institute has been established.

**Shri Muniswamy:** May I know, Sir, the total grants from the Centre for this institute?

**Shrimati Chandrasekhar:** The Institute is not yet established, after it is established, it will be finalised.

**Shri B. S. Murthy:** May I know whether any foreign experts are being invited to be in charge of this institution and give advice?

**Shrimati Chandrasekhar:** No, Sir.

**Shri Nanadas:** May I know when this Central Institute will be established?

**Shrimati Chandrasekhar:** Sir, now it is under the consideration of the Madras Government. As soon as we receive their proposals, it will be established.

**Prof. D. C. Sharma:** May I know whether Ayurvedic physicians will also be entrusted with carrying on of this research work against leprosy?

**Shrimati Chandrasekhar:** I think it will be considered later, after the institution is established.

**Shri Raghavalah:** May I know whether like institutions will be opened anywhere else in India?

**Shrimati Chandrasekhar:** For leprosy, there is only one institute to be established by the Centre and it will be at Madras.

**Shri Muniswamy:** May I know, Sir, the exact place where this institution is proposed to be established?

**Shrimati Chandrasekhar:** It will be in Chingleput, Sir.