

**Shri Alagesan:** All that was taken into consideration when the port authorities were asked to draw up a programme for that port.

**Shri A. M. Thomas:** Can the hon. Deputy Minister kindly tell me what exactly is the total amount spent so far on the Cochin Port?

**Shri Alagesan:** I should be able to tell the hon. Member but I do not have this information at present. I should be able to give it.

#### ERNAKULAM—QUILON RAILWAY LINE

\*2147. **Shri A. M. Thomas:** (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state what amount has been spent on the Ernakulam—Quilon rail link up to 31st March, 1953?

(b) What work has been done so far?

(c) What are the works which the Administration contemplates to execute in the year 1953-54?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** (a) Rs. 7.25 lakhs on Ernakulam-Kottayam Section.

(b) Earthwork has been done for about 18 miles; and some quarters for staff have been commenced.

(c) About 60 per cent. of the earthwork and 60 per cent. of work on minor bridges is proposed to be executed in the financial year 1953-54.

**Shri A. M. Thomas:** May I know what exactly is the amount spent on this line? Only mileage has been given.

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** The amount spent so far is Rs. 7.25 lakhs.

**Shri A. M. Thomas:** May I know whether it is the scheme of the Government to complete a particular distance and make it fit for traffic or whether it is a scheme to complete the entire line and throw it open for traffic.

**Shri Alagesan:** It is too early to say.

**Shri Achuthan:** May I know the number of labourers daily employed in that work?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** I require notice.

**Shri A. M. Thomas:** May I know whether the land acquisition works in

connection with this line have been completed?

**Shri Alagesan:** It is rather slow, Sir. It is due to this that the work is delayed.

#### F.A.O. EXPERTS

\*2148. **Sardar A. S. Saigal:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the services of three E.A.O. experts will be available to the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research in the near future;

(b) where these experts will be posted;

(c) what kind of advice they will give;

(d) whether advice on machinery used in food industries and on the manufacture of new types of cheap and efficient containers suited to Indian conditions, will also be given; and.

(e) what expenditure Government will bear for these F.A.O. experts?

**The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh):** (a) The experts are expected to arrive in India early next year.

(b) At the Central Food Technological Research Institute, Mysore.

(c) and (d). One expert in the manufacture of cereal foods, especially biscuits and break-fast foods, will advise on the setting up of pilot plants for the manufacture of such products and to assist in organising a Bakery Development Laboratory at the Institute. Another expert in the manufacture of malted milk powder, infants' foods, will advise on the manufacture of such products and on the selection and erection of pilot plants therefor. The third expert, on packaging materials and containers for foods, will advise the Institute on the setting up of a Laboratory for packaging, testing and development and on the organisation of research on packages and containers for foods.

(e) The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research will bear the 'local costs' of the experts viz. installation expenses of Rs. 1,650/- for the first month, free lodging after the first month, actual transportation charges and free board and lodging plus Rs. 10/- per day while on official tour payment of income tax and provision of medical care.

सरकार एस० एल० सहगल : क्या मैं जानसकता हूँ कि एफ० ए० ओ० एक्सपर्ट्स जो यहां पर आवेंगे, यदि यह ऐक्सपेरिमेंट आप का सक्सेसफुल हुआ तो क्या उसको सारे भारत में आप प्रोत्साहन देने की कोशिश करेंगे ?

डा० पी० एस० बेशमुख : जी हां, उसी क्याल से तो इन को लाया जा रहा है ।

**Shri K. G. Deshmukh:** How many years are the experts going to remain in India?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** Usually the term varies between 6 months and 2 to 3 years.

**Prof. D. C. Sharma:** May I know whether the breakfast foods on which the experts will advise us on will be in conformity with our Indian ways of having breakfast or will they be quite different from that?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** I have no doubt whatsoever although it is a fact that many of us are accustomed to European food also.

**Some Hon. Members:** No. no.

**Dr. Suresh Chandra:** May I know whether the Government have ascertained whether these experts are real experts for the purpose for which they have been brought here or they were holding only administrative posts in the FAO?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** As far as is humanly possible, we select persons who are real experts and not pseudo experts.

**Dr. Suresh Chandra:** It is not selection by the Government; they are sent by the FAO.

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** That is an argument.

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** The FAO also knows.

**Prof. D. C. Sharma:** May I know what the value of these powders which these gentlemen are going to manufacture will be in the overall food economy of this country?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** There is nothing to suggest that they will manufacture only powders. There are a variety of things. Laboratories will be set up. It will be Indians who

will work them. They will make only such products as will be worth consuming.

**Shri K. C. Sodhia:** On whose advice were these experts got?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** It is by negotiation between this Government and the FAO.

**Shri K. C. Sodhia:** I want to know on whose advice they were appointed.

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** Some questions are put; I do not know how they can be allowed. It is the Government that has to decide, whichever Government, this side or that side or the extreme corner Government. They have to take the responsibility of fixing which experts will come to this country,—real good experts. Can we go on criticising on the floor of the House whether the experts are real experts or not, and we are the real experts? I only appeal to hon. Members to exercise a kind of moderation in the questions in particular details. We may stop at a particular stage.

**Shri V. P. Nayar:** May I know what are the important items of breakfast about which we seek advice and may I also know whether, as the hon. Minister said, these experts will come here and advise on food which is now taken by persons using English food, as he said?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** There are various things. At least, my hon. friend, I think, knows what we make out of maize, wheat and rice. We are now preparing corn flakes and other things. There are many things which are similar.

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** Next question.

**Shri V. P. Nayar:** Will they advise on *dosas* and *idlis* also?

#### FOREST DEVELOPMENT PLANS

\*2149. **Shri Madiah Gowda:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken to implement the Forest Development Plans adumbrated in the Five Year Plan; and

(b) whether any steps are being taken towards the co-ordination of forest policy?

**The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh):** (a) The bulk of the recommendations in the Plan are for action by the States and the