

**Kalyan Refugee Camps called Ullahas Nagar in Bombay State;**

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have received representations from the residents of the camps to open more offices there; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to open more offices there?

**The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) One office will be opened in Camp No. 2, as soon as a suitable building is secured.

**Shri Gidwani:** Are Government aware that there are a number of barracks available there which could be used?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** I shall be only too grateful to the hon. Member if he would place one such barrack at the disposal of the P. & T. Department. Immediately that is arranged you will get the new office.

**DEVELOPMENT AND MARKETING OF SPICES**

\*823. **Shri N. Somana:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee appointed to investigate into the development and marketing of spices has submitted its report;

(b) if so, what are the recommendations made by that Committee; and

(c) whether Government have any proposal for setting up a Board for the development and marketing of spices on the lines of the Indian Coffee Board?

**The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh):** (a) No. The Committee is, however, expected to submit its report shortly.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No. The Committee's recommendations in the matter are awaited.

**Shri N. Somana:** May I know whether Government is aware that the prices of the spices are very uncertain at present?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** That is a fact.

**मधेपुरा-मुरलीगंज रेलवे लाइन**

\*८२४. **श्री बी० मित्सर :** क्या रेल

मंत्री यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) बिहार में मधेपुरा स मुरलीगंज तक रेलवे लाइन के निर्माण पर कितना धन व्यय होन का अनुमान है ; तथा

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि उक्त रेलवे लाइन पर काम में शिथिलता आ गई है और यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) The estimated expenditure on the construction of the Railway line from Madhepura to Murliganj is Rs. 32,15,000.

(b) No. The work was being done as a relief measure by the Bihar Public Works Department, but has now been taken over and is being executed by the Railway.

**भारतीय जलपोत टनेज**

\*८२५. **श्री रघुनाथ सिंह :** क्या यातायात मंत्री यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारतीय जलपोतों का टनेज कुल विदेश जलपोतों के टनेज की तुलना में आधे प्रतिशत से भी कम है ; यदि हां, तो वास्तविक प्रतिशतक क्या है ;

(ख) १९५१ के दौरान में हुई वृद्धि की तुलना में जनवरी, १९५२ से जनवरी, १९५३ तक भारतीय टनेज में कितनी वृद्धि हुई ; तथा

(ग) पंचवर्षीय योजना के अन्तर्गत निर्धारित टनेज लक्ष्य प्राप्त करने के लिए आगामी वर्षों में किस दर पर भारतीय टनेज में वृद्धि की आवश्यकता है ?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) The Indian Shipping tonnage is estimated to be about half a per cent. of the total world tonnage as in July 1952.

(b) The increase in Indian tonnage during 1952 was 33,705 gross registered tons. In 1951, the increase was 23,353 gross registered tons.

(c) The increase has to be at the rate of about 62,500 gross registered tons per year.