

(c) and (d). There has been an increase in the number of trains due to the opening of this link. The question of the construction of an over-bridge at Avanashi Road level crossing is under the consideration of the Madras Government in regard to the incidence of cost. No final decision has yet been reached.

Shri N. M. Lingam: Has there been any representation by the local municipal council with regard to the construction of the overbridge?

Shri Alagesan: Yes, Sir. It was taken up by the Municipality. In fact, the Railway Department widened the level crossing at its cost. That should really have been borne by the municipality. The municipality also passed a resolution to the effect that it will bear one-fifth of the cost, but it will have to bear much more than that, and that is now under consideration.

IRRIGATION OF FAMINE AREAS

*1675. **Shri Viswanatha Reddy:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the D.V.C. has designed and constructed several small irrigation tanks in a very short time at very little expenditure; and

(b) whether the experience of the D.V.C. is proposed to be utilized in the design and construction of such small irrigation sources in chronic famine areas like Rayalaseema and Maharashtra?

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

TUBE-WELLS

*1676. **Shri Jhulan Sinha:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of aid sought by the State of Bihar for installation of tube-wells in the State so far;

(b) the aid sanctioned and made available to the said State; and

(c) the progress in the execution of the scheme?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) Rs. 323.76 lakhs for State Tube-wells.

Rs. 6.60 lakhs for private tube-wells on Co-operative basis.

Total Rs. 330.36 lakhs.

(b) Rs. 83.01 lakhs for State Tube-wells so far. More will be sanctioned as the wells progress.

Rs. 6.60 lakhs for private tube-wells on Co-operative basis.

Total Rs. 89.61 lakhs.

(c) 196 State tube-wells and seven Co-operative tube-wells have been drilled upto 15th April, 1953.

Shri Jhulan Sinha: May I know how many of these tube-wells have been dug in North Bihar and how many in South Bihar?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I am not able to say what is the proportion between North and South Bihar.

Shri C. R. Chowdary: Are these tube-wells dug after a survey is made, or without any survey?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: After a survey is made.

Shri B. S. Murthy: What are the facilities provided for digging tube-wells on a co-operative basis?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: It is really the concern of the State Governments to have a scheme, and we try to assist in the fulfilment of that scheme. Generally speaking,—at least this is the way in which it is operated in U.P.—they ask the villagers to contribute one-third (I mean the co-operative societies) and two-thirds is contributed by the Government. Of this two-thirds, one-third is given by way of subsidy and one-third is recovered in small instalments.

Shri C. R. Chowdary: How many tube-wells have been dug; how many are in operation actually; and how have they affected production?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I cannot say about production, but we have completed 191 tube-wells out of 300.

Shri Muniswamy: How many of these tube-wells were sunk by the Tube-wells Department of the Government, and how many by private firms?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: He has already answered it.

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: As I have mentioned, there are tube-wells dug by firms who are given contracts and there are others which are dug by the State Governments departmentally. I have not got the detailed list.

Shri Badshah Gupta: What is the least amount of expenditure required for the installation of a tube-well under the Government scheme?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: The present contracts given by us work out to Rs. 29,000 per tube-well.

Shri K. P. Sinha: Is the amount under this head to be spent on a specified area or it can be spread out over the whole State?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: So far as the contract is concerned, there are specific spots where the tube-wells will be sunk.

Shri B. S. Murthy: Is the hon. Minister in a position to give the comparative cost of tube-well construction by a co-operative society, by the Department of Government and by the contractor?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): The cost remains the same. One is financed by the co-operative society and the other is financed by the State.

Shri C. R. Chowdary rose—

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: I am going to the next question.

नाविजयन सहायता कार्यक्रम

*१६७८. श्री रघुनाथ सिंह: क्या खास सया कृषि मंत्री यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि नाविजयन सहायता कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत 'हालैंड' जहाज द्वारा भारतम को किस प्रकार की तथा कितने मूल्य की सामग्री भेजी गई है ?

(ख) इस कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत कितने विशेषज्ञ यहां आ रहे हैं ?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) No advise regarding the shipment of material has so far been received. Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House when received.

(b) The number of experts was provisionally fixed at 14, but the actual number will be decided later.

श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : इन एक्सपर्ट्स का हिन्दुस्तान में क्या खास काम होगा ?

डा० पी० एस्० देशमुख : ट्रावणकोर कोचीन में जो काम्युनिटी प्राजेक्ट्स हैं उनमें फिशरी डेवलपमेंट में हमदाद देंगे और अगर उन की एक्सपर्ट नालैज से और भी फायदा

उठाया जा सकता है तो वह उठा लिया जायगा ।

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: Has the Government of Norway put certain schemes before the Government of India and if so what are the schemes?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: It is exactly the scheme to which this question refers. There is an agreement and we are going to get from the Norwegian Government a sum of Rs. 27 lakhs and we have provided Rs. 10.6 lakhs. The scheme is going to cover an area of 10 sq. miles near Neendakara Bridge nine miles from Quilon, covering a population of 12,000.

Shri Joachim Alva: Is the hon. Minister aware that the Norwegian M.P.s. are subscribing some two per cent towards the aid to India fund and that it is below our self-respect to accept such assistance?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I have no such information, Sir.

WEATHER BULLETINS

*1679. **Shri S. C. Samanta:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) how the weather forecasts for the benefit of farmers were carried on in 1952-53;

(b) how many broadcast stations for the purpose have been added in the year 1952-53;

(c) how many adverse weather warnings were issued and the number of persons that received the warnings; and

(d) whether timely warnings were issued to persons concerned about the recent cyclone in Tamil Nad?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) As in previous years, the forecasts issued by the Regional Meteorological Centres were broadcast from the All India Radio Stations and also published in the press.

(b) None.

(c) About 8,800 adverse weather warnings were issued during the year 1952. It is not possible to give the exact number of recipients as the warnings were broadcast through the All India Radio and published in the newspapers. They were also communicated telegraphically to 875 authorities registered for this purpose with the India Meteorological Department.