

(d) the places in India where such bloodmeal is being used for manurial purposes at present?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) Yes. A note on the process of preparation of bloodmeal has been circulated to the States with the request to take steps to encourage its production. According to information available, bloodmeal is being prepared at Kanpur, Kakinada, Vijayawada, Guntur and Visakhapatnam.

(b) Yes. Investigations have revealed that bloodmeal is a nitrogenous organic manure containing 12—15 per cent. nitrogen.

(c) On the basis of the number of cattle slaughtered in the country, the total blood discharge is estimated at about 20/24,000 tons per annum.

(d) It is mainly used for plantation crops like tea and coffee in North-East and Southern India. It is also used for manuring fruit gardens and potato crop in Hyderabad and U.P.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know the percentage of the nitrogenous content in comparison with ammonium sulphate and whether it can safely replace ammonium sulphate?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I do not see how the question about replacing arises, Sir. We want more quantities of both ammonium sulphate and bloodmeal; there is ample room for the use of both.

Shri S. C. Samanta: I wanted to know whether it can be used in any case instead of ammonium sulphate.

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: The experts will have to be referred to. I would like to have notice of this question.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether there is any apprehension of the blood being putrefied before its use for manurial purposes and whether any steps are being taken to remove this difficulty?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: Sir, the I.C.A.R. has been experimenting on this and I

am sure they must have evolved a process and given out how and when the bloodmeal should be used.

सेठ गोविन्द दास : इन कामों के लिये किन पशुओं का वध किया जाता है और क्या इस काम के लिए कुछ खास तौर से पशु मारे जाते हैं ?

डा० पी० एस० बेशमुख : बिल्कुल नहीं। जो मारे जाते हैं उन का खून एकत्रित किया जाता है।

सेठ गोविन्द दास : और जो में ने अभी एक बात पूछी कि किन पशुओं का इस के लिए वध किया जाता है, गायों का, भैंसों का या बकरियों का ?

डा० पी० एस० बेशमुख : यह जो पशु मरते हैं या मारे जाते हैं उन्हीं का खून एकत्रित किया जाता है।

श्री हेडा : खून से मैन्योर बनाने के वास्ते जिस मशीन की जरूरत होती है उस की कीमत ज्यादा होने की वजह से क्या कुछ म्युनिसिपैलिटियां ग्रामतीर पर उस को खरीदना दरगुजर करती हैं, और क्या इस के लिए म्युनिसिपैलिटियों को किसी प्रकार की मदद देने के लिए एग्रीकल्चर मिनिस्ट्री सोच रही है ?

डा० पी० एस० बेशमुख : हम ने तो स्टेट गर्वमेंट्स से विनती की है और इस में से मद्रास गर्वमेंट ने चार म्युनिसिपैलिटियों में यह तरीका जारी किया है और वहां पर ब्लड मील हो रहा है।

HALF-YEARLY ARREARS REPORT

*974. **Sardar A. S. Saigal:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to para. 4 of the Memorandum on the arrears in the internal check and unsatisfactory state of accounts on the Railways submitted by the Railway

Board to the Public Accounts Committee of 1951-52 and state:

(a) whether arrears of half-yearly arrears report from General Managers are being submitted to the Railway Board;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the state of work about returns is normal, or heavy arrears are still being examined by the Railway Board?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Yes.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The state of work is not yet normal, though tangible improvements have been made in the clearance of certain important arrears. A close watch continues to be kept by the Board on the progress made in this connection.

सरदार ए० एस० सहगल : क्या मंत्री यह बतलायेंगे कि रेलवे बोर्ड के हिसाब किताब का जो पबलिक एकाउंट्स कमेटी के मेमोरेण्डम के चौथे पेरे में था, अब कितना बकाया है तथा भीतरी छानबीन शुरू हुई है या नहीं ?

Shri Alagesan: I was not able to follow the question fully, Sir.

Sardar A. S. Saigal: May I repeat the question? : क्या मंत्री यह बतलायेंगे कि रेलवे बोर्ड के हिसाब किताब का जो पबलिक एकाउंट्स कमेटी के मेमोरेण्डम के चौथे पेरे में था, अब कितना बकाया है तथा भीतरी छानबीन शुरू हुई है या नहीं ?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): Will

the hon. Member repeat his question again, Sir?

Kumari Annie Mascarene: We could not hear the answer, Sir.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: They cancel each other. There was no question and there was no answer.

Hereafter I would advise that if hon. Ministers are not able to follow any question they must have another Minister or Parliamentary Secretary to help them. I cannot ask any hon. Member to repeat the question in English.

Shri L. B. Shastri: I did not follow the question, Sir. That was why I asked him to repeat it.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: He repeated it once.

BIHAR-NEPAL ROAD

*975. **Sardar A. S. Saigal:** (a) Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state how much time Government will take to complete the Bihar-Nepal road?

(b) Has the metalling of the road been done?

(c) What amount have Government spent over this road in their jurisdiction?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) The hon. Member is presumably referring to the Muzaffarpur-Raxaul road. The road is at present motorable in fair weather. The improvement of this road to make it fit for all weather traffic is expected to be completed by the end of March 1957.

(b) It is proposed to black-top the entire road. Out of the total length of 78 miles, a length of about 29 miles has been black-topped so far.

(c) About Rs. 29 lakhs out of a total estimated cost of Rs. 61 lakhs.

सरदार ए० एस० सहगल : क्या नेपाल सरकार से इसके बारे में नेपाल की राजधानी