

like *mandirs* and other buildings of pilgrim interest. I want to know, Sir, whether Government has given any help or will give any help from the Centre.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: What I would urge upon hon. Members is this. Let them make sure that similar help was sought for by the *mandirs*, etc., from the State Government before such questions are put here.

LAND UTILISATION AND SOIL CONSERVATION BOARDS

***1392. Shri Ram Dass:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the States in which Land Utilization and Soil Conservation Boards have been constituted; and

(b) the aid granted or likely to be granted to each of the States for this purpose?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) The information is not available.

(b) No such request has been received.

RAILWAY ACCIDENT AT RAIPUR

***1393. Shri Sanganna:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Vizianagaram-Raipur Passenger Train bound for Raipur met with an accident on the night of 28th August, 1953, in the Raipur Station yard;

(b) if so, the causes leading to the accident;

(c) the loss of life and property;

(d) whether the causes of accident have been enquired into; and

(e) if so, who are responsible for the accident?

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

(a) Yes. At about 19-55 hours on 28-8-1953, while a Yard Shunting Engine with two vehicles attached to it was standing in Raipur Jn. Station

Yard, No. 416 Down Vizagapatam Town-Raipur Passenger train also entered the same line and collided with the shunting engine.

(b) and (d). An Enquiry by a Committee of Senior Officers was held. Their finding is that the accident was caused by the wrong admission of the Passenger train on an obstructed line.

(c) No one was killed. Four persons received minor injuries.

The approximate cost of damage to the Shunting Engine was Rs. 1,000/-. There was no other damage.

(e) The Assistant Station Master and the Cabin man of Raipur Station.

Shri Sanganna: May I know, Sir, whether the rolling stock put on this line is old and worn out?

Shri Alagesan: I am not aware of any such thing.

Shri Sanganna: May I know, Sir, whether the running staff working on this line are generally drunk because they come from the dry area of Madras?

Shri Alagesan: We don't have any such information and I don't think it is correct.

Kumari Annie Mascarene: May I know, Sir, whether the causes of these constant accidents on the railway line are due to the irresponsibility of the officers—or whose?

Shri Alagesan: For this accident, the persons responsible were the Assistant Station Master and the Cabin man. Charge-sheets have been issued against them. The responsibility is fixed after every accident by an enquiry.

HYBRIDIZATION OF RICE IN ORISSA

***1394. Shri Sanganna:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether hybridization of rice scheme is in operation in the State of Orissa;