

LAND CULTIVATION

*815. **Shri Bishwa Nath Roy:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the acreage of land which can be cultivated but which is not under cultivation till now in India?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): About 11½ million acres in 1949-50.

JAPANESE TRAWLER

*817. **Shri Raghunath Singh:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether the fishing experiment on the west coast of India carried out with the Japanese trawler 'Taid Maru', has proved successful?

(b) How many trawlers India requires for the fishing?

(c) How many fishing trawlers India possesses at present?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) Yes.

(b) It is not possible to mention a definite number unless the experimental and exploratory work now being conducted has made sufficient progress.

(c) 5 in all.

SURVEY OF MINOR PORTS

*818. **Shri Raghunath Singh:** (a) Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state whether Messrs. J. G. D. Poirier and P. Cormier, dredger experts of U.N. Technical Aid Programme who surveyed minor ports in India, have submitted their report?

(b) If so, what steps Government have taken in the matter?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) The Government of India have not yet received the report.

(b) Does not arise.

WOMEN EMPLOYED IN JUTE INDUSTRY.

*819. **Shrimati Renu Chakravarty:** (a) Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state the total number of women employed in jute industry?

(b) How many are under the category of temporary staff even after one-year service?

(c) How many women workers in jute have been retrenched during the last one year?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House in due course.

'Q' FEVER

*821. **Shri Buchhikotiah:** (a) Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state whether it is a fact that research work carried at the laboratory of the Armed Forces Medical College in Poona has established the prevalence of "Q" fever in India?

(b) If so, in what parts of the country the fever is in existence?

(c) What steps are being taken to control the fever?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): (a) to (c). The information required is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

JAGDISH SUGAR MILLS

*822. { **Shri Sinhasan Singh:**
Shri Ramji Verma:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the (i) labourers, (ii) other employees and (iii) the cane growers have not been paid their salaries for over six months by the Controller of the Jagdish Sugar Mills Limited, Kotakuiyan, District Deoria;

(b) whether it is a fact that cane prices to the extent of several lakhs have not been paid by the Controller

of the Jagdish Sugar Mills Ltd., Kotakuiyan, District Deoria;

(c) if so, the amount on account of salaries and cane prices respectively so far not paid;

(d) the reasons therefor;

(e) what steps have been taken or are being taken to see that these dues are paid up;

(f) whether it is a fact that District Magistrate, Deoria has attached all sugar proceeds, accrued or to be accrued from sale of sugar towards cane cess of the State Government; and

(g) whether Government are aware that in case the factory does not run in the next season of 1953-54, the employees and cane growers would be put to immense loss and that cane worth lakhs would rot?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) to (g). The required information is being collected.

CHURU-FATEHPUR RAILWAY LINE

*823. **Shri Morarka:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the survey work on the proposed Railway line between Churu and Fatehpur has been started; and

(b) if not, when Government propose to begin the work?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) A preliminary survey of the Fatehpur-Churu rail link has been carried out and the report is being finalised.

(b) Does not arise.

MOBILE POST OFFICES

*824. **Shri Morarka:** (a) Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state whether Government propose to extend the scheme of mobile post offices to other cities also?

(b) If so, by what time Government hope to introduce it and in what towns?

The Minister of Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram): (a) It is propos-

ed to extend the scheme to the cities directly connected by Night Air Mail.

(b) Bombay and Calcutta which remain without mobile post offices will be brought under the scheme in about six months i.e. as soon as vans are built for them.

खलीलाबाद के निकट माल के डिब्बों का पटरी से उतर जाना

४२५. श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : (क) क्या रेल मंत्री यह बतलाने की कृपा करगे कि क्या यह सत्य है कि पूर्वोत्तर रेलवे में खलीलाबाद के निकट ६ जून, १९५३ को दोपरह के ३-३० बजे एक माल गाड़ी पटरी से उतर गई थी ?

(ख) क्या यह भी सत्य है कि जब यह गाड़ी वहां पहुंची उस समय एक पुलिसिया पर काम करने वाला गंग पटरी को बबल रहा था ?

(ग) क्या आने - जाने वाली गाड़ियों को गोरखपुर - गोंडा के रास्ते से भेजने का प्रबन्ध किया गया था ?

(घ) क्या दुर्घटना-स्थल पर आने वाली गाड़ियों को सतरे की चेतावनी देने का कोई प्रबन्ध था ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) and (c). At about 15-30 hours on 6th June, 1953, Down PWD Special Goods train on the run between Munderwa and Khalilabad Stations on the North-Eastern Railway, derailed of its engine and 16 wagons next to it while passing over an unsecured rail. The line having been thus blocked, some trains had to be diverted via the Gorakhpur-Gonda loop, until through communication was restored at 21-20 hours on 7-8-53.

(b) A gang was squaring the joints of the rail, one telegraph post ahead of a girder bridge, and the rail over