

(d) What loss have Government incurred on account of this accident?

(e) Has any investigation been made and if so, with what result?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) No derailment occurred to Agra-Kathgodam Passenger train near Achnera station on 31st May, 1953 as stated in the question, but three bogies fourth, fifth and seventh from the engine of 320 Down Ahmedabad-Agra Express train derailed in Achnera yard at about 7:26 hours on 31st May, 1953.

(b) No one was killed or injured.

(c) and (e). An enquiry was held into this accident by a Committee of District Railway Officers. The cause of the accident has not yet been finally determined.

(d) The approximate cost of damage to railway property was Rs. 225.

AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION TRAINING CENTRE

*887. **Shri K. P. Sinha:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether it is a fact that an Agricultural Extension Training Centre is going to be started or has been started in Himachal Pradesh at the cost of the Government of India?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa): Yes, an Extension Training Centre has been opened at Mashobra in Himachal Pradesh. The cost of the centre is to be met by the Government of India, Technical Cooperation Administration, the Ford Foundation and the Himachal Pradesh Government.

Shri K. P. Sinha: May I know the nature and the period of training?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: The training centre has been set up for the purpose of training village level workers to supervise and man the community projects.

Shri S. N. Das: May I know the number of trainees trained annually in this centre?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: This centre has been started on the 15th June and there are already 40 workers trained there.

Shri S. N. Das: I want to know the capacity of this organisation to train. How many persons will be trained annually?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: Forty persons in this centre.

Shri L. N. Mishra: May I know whether such centres are being started at other places also?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: There are a number of such centres all over the country.

Shri K. P. Sinha: May I know if there is any special training given to these trainees with regard to modern scientific methods of farming?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: They have been trained in agricultural co-operation, panchayats, village housing, public health, sanitation and hygiene, animal husbandry, fishing etc.

Shri Barman: What is the period of training?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: Six months.

Prof. D. C. Sharma: How can the whole of the syllabus be covered in this short period?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: The hon. Member may go and see.

Shri Achuthan: May I know whether this training is given as a short-term course or whether there will be any other training for a long-term course, and what is the stipend that is given to the students?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: It is a sort of training centre for village level workers and they are trained there for six months. Then they are put in charge of the community project centres and they are rendering service there.