

industrial convenience should be taken into consideration?

Mr. Speaker: The question is whether the site will be selected on any political considerations or purely on economic considerations.

Shri C. D. Deshmukh: I am not in a position to answer the question. The Chambers of Commerce—and more than one—had complained that industrialisation of Orissa had not received sufficient attention. I pointed out that the production of power was the fundamental for all industrialisation and had there been no power at Hirakud then even the question of the location of a site for steel plant would not have been considered. That was the context in which I made the statement.

Shri B. Das: You were very very right.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

ANTI-LOCUST OPERATION

*1371. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the annual expenditure incurred by Government on anti-locust operations?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): The annual expenditure incurred by Government on anti-locust operations is Rs. 19 lakhs.

AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION TRAINING CENTRES

*1372. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the number of trainees at present at the Agricultural Extension Training Centres?

(b) What are the prospects for their employment?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) One thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, on 31st October, 1953.

(b) They will be employed as village level workers in the Community Projects and the National Extension Service Blocks.

RURAL UNEMPLOYMENT

*1373. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** (a) Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state whether Government are collecting statistics about rural unemployment in the various States in the country?

(b) If so, what are the agencies employed for this purpose?

The Minister of Labour (Shri V. V. Giri): (a) and (b). A sample survey which is designed to give an idea in regard to rural unemployment has been recently undertaken by the National Sample Survey unit of the Government of India.

TELEGRAPH OFFICES

*1374. **Shri Nageshwar Prasad Sinha:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state what progress has been made towards providing District, Sub-divisional and Police-thana headquarters with telegraph offices during 1952 and 1953?

The Minister of Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram):

	Telegraph Offices opened during	
	1952	1953
District Towns	5	3
Sub Divisional Towns	5	5
Tehsil and Thana Stations	29	31

ANIMAL HUSBANDRY

*1375. **Shri K. P. Sinha:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the steps taken by Government in regard to the recommendations on fodder production and rinderpest made by the Poona Conference of the Animal Husbandry Wing of the Board of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry?