

FISHERIES

*278. **Shri Amjad Ali:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the places where training centres at Inland Fisheries Research Stations have been opened;

(b) whether fishing in bull-trawling operations under Japanese method of fishing are being experimented under Japanese experts; and

(c) whether S. S. "Ashok" and "Pratap" are likely to be employed for deep-sea fishing under this new method?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa):

(a) Barrackpore, near Calcutta.

(b) Not at present. Experiments in bull trawling under Japanese Experts will commence shortly.

(c) Yes.

Shri Nanadas: May I know, Sir, what steps the Government have taken to give an opportunity to the traditional fishermen to get training in this centre?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: Which centre?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): Traditional fishermen follow the traditional method, but if any one of them wants to follow the improved method, he can come and join.

Shri B. S. Murthy: May I know, Sir, whether the Madras State has not, some time back, asked for an institute like this?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: We had an institute of our own at Mandapam, and now it has to be closed because there are no trainees coming forward.

RAILWAY COACHES AND WAGONS

*279. **Shri K. P. Sinha:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new coaches and wagons put on the line in the years 1951-52 and 1952-53;

(b) the number of wagons and coaches manufactured in India and the number purchased from abroad; and

(c) when India is expected to be self-sufficient in this respect?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) and (b). The information required is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 28.]

(c) We are already self-sufficient for normal replacement requirements of coaches and wagons. But to overtake arrears and to meet traffic demands at increased levels, considerable additional rolling stock is required and it is hoped that in the next 3 to 4 years all such requirements can be manufactured in the country, with the exception of a few specialised items which will not be wanted in large numbers.

Shri K. P. Sinha: May I know, Sir, whether the orders placed for the supply of wagons with foreign firms for the year 1952-53 have all been fulfilled?

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan: All the orders have not yet been fulfilled.

Shri K. P. Sinha: May I know, Sir, the total production of wagons here in all the four engineering firms?

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan: The total number of wagons that are manufactured in this country is 7,800.

Shri Bansal: May I know, Sir, if recently huge orders were placed on foreign firms for wagons, and the price offered to those firms was higher than that offered by the Indian firms?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): No orders were placed recently for wagons,—the orders were for locomotives.

Shri Radhelal Vyas: May I know whether it is a fact that Gwalior Engineering Works can also manufacture coaches and wagons, and if so, whether any use is being of them?