

Shri Kidwai: They tried to find some land. But, the land that they offered was not sufficient in area for our requirements.

LOCOMOTIVES

***523. Shri G. P. Sinha:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the total number of locomotives in India at present?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): 8426 Locomotives were in service on Indian Railways on 31st December 1953.

Shri G. P. Sinha: What was the strength of locomotives just after partition?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: I shall require notice for that.

Shri G. P. Sinha: May I know the number of locomotives imported in 1953 and what target figure has been fixed for the immediate future?

Mr. Speaker: Does he mean target for imports?

Shri G. P. Sinha: Yes.

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): All this information is given in the various pamphlets that have been circulated to the hon. Members along with the Budget papers. All this information is given there.

Shri G. P. Sinha: May I know how many locomotives have been manufactured in India and how many centres for manufacture of locomotives are working here?

Shri Alagesan: More than hundred in Chittaranjan and 50 in TELCO.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: How many overaged locomotives have been put off the rails during the year 1953 and scrapped.

Shri Alagesan: I should like to have notice.

F.A.O. CONFERENCE

***524. Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) what recommendations have been made by the F.A.O. Conference which met recently in Rome; and

(b) whether Government have accepted any of those recommendations?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): A copy of the Provisional Report of the Seventh Session of the F. A. O. Conference, containing the resolutions passed, is already available in the Library of the House for reference purposes.

The recommendations mainly relate to the programme of work of the Organisation for the year 1954-55 and action will be initiated by the Organisation itself. Recommendations where national action is called for are being examined by the Government of India.

Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy: May I know whether the Government of India has accepted any recommendations made by the F.A.O. in the past?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: Generally speaking, the recommendations are acceptable to Governments.

Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy: May I know who represented the Government of India in this conference?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I am one of those who went

If he wants the other names also, I can give.

Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy: Yes, I want them.

Mr. Speaker: Next question.

TUNGABHADRA BRIDGE

***525. Shri Gadilingana Gowd:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to refer to the reply given to starred question No. 175 asked on the 21st November, 1953 and state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra have taken a decision regarding the construction of a Road Bridge