

Shri Kildwai: 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 Shah Nawaz 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 Shah Nawaz 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

over the Tungabhadra River near Kurnool;

(b) if so, when the work is likely to commence; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, whether Government propose to construct a bridge over the Tungabhadra River near Madhavaram?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) and (b). The Government of Andhra have proposed that the Banaras Cape-Comorin Road (National Highway No. 7) should be taken *via* Kurnool instead of *via* Raichur. The proposal is under examination. A bridge over the Tungabhadra near Kurnool will be constructed if it is decided finally that the National Highway should be taken *via* Kurnool.

(c) A bridge will be constructed near Madhavaram if the National Highway is to be taken *via* Raichur but, as stated in reply to part (a), the question of alignment is still under consideration.

Shri Gadilingana Gowd: May I know if the estimates have been prepared?

Shri Alagesan: They have been asked to prepare estimates for the different alignments that they have proposed and send them for scrutiny.

Shri Raghavachari: How long will this consideration take?

Shri Alagesan: It is always a question which is rather difficult to answer. We have asked the State Government to provide further information. We are awaiting it.

HOSPITALS IN COMMUNITY PROJECT AREA

***526. Shri Sivamurthi Swami:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new hospitals that have so far been opened in the Community Project areas; and

(b) the amount spent by the Central Government on medical aid under such village development schemes, in the year 1953?

The Deputy Minister of Health (Shrimati Chandrasekhar): (a) During the period from October, 1952 to September, 1953, 31 Primary Health Centres with 2 mobile dispensaries and 2 Sub-centres, 2 Secondary Health Centres with 1 Dispensary extension and 72 Maternity Centres were started in Community Project areas.

(b) The total expenditure on Health and Sanitation in the Community projects during the period from October 1952, to September, 1953, was Rs. 14.66 lakhs.

Shri Sivamurthi Swami: How many new hospitals are to be opened to meet the target fixed in the Five Year Plan?

Shrimati Chandrasekhar: I have not got the figure.

Shri Nanadas: May I know the number of personnel employed in the hospitals newly opened in the Community Project areas?

Shrimati Chandrasekhar: I have not got the information.

Shri N. L. Joshi: May I know how much money was actually spent on medicine?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): The expenditure on medicines naturally depends on the number of people who come to the hospitals, and those figures would be with the States. I cannot possibly give that information.

LOANS FOR PURCHASE OF FERTILIZERS

***528. Shri L. Jogeswar Singh:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether any State Governments have approached the Government of India for loans for purchase of fertilizers in 1954?

(b) If so, which are those States?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) So far, Madhya Pradesh, Madras, Punjab, West Bengal, Hyderabad,