

Government dispensaries are being opened at the Santa Cruz and Dum Dum airports.

Shrimati Jayashri: Is it a fact that many deaths have occurred on account of non-availability of transport?

Shri Raj Bahadur: No such case has come to our notice.

BONUM BRIDGE

***689. Dr. Natabar Pandey:** (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the amount that has been sanctioned for the construction of Bonum bridge near Jharsuguda on the Eastern Railway?

(b) How much of the sanctioned amount has so far been spent?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Rs. 4.30 lakhs.

(b) Rs. 3.75 lakhs.

Dr. Natabar Pandey: May I know whether the work will be completed, before the monsoon commences this year?

Shri Alagesan: Work is likely to be completed within two months' time.

KONKAN COASTAL TRAFFIC

***690. Shri M. D. Joshi:** (a) Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state the present total tonnage of the passenger ships of the Bombay Steam Navigation Company?

(b) What is the total number of ships?

(c) Is it a fact that the present number of the Bombay Steam Navigation Company's passenger steamers is inadequate to cope with the passenger traffic on the Konkan Coast?

(d) If the answer to part (b) above be in the affirmative, what measures do Government propose to take to increase the number of passenger ships on the Konkan line?

(e) Have Government given any financial aid to the Bombay Steam

Navigation Company to enhance its tonnage and if so, how much?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) and (b). The Bombay Steam Navigation Co. (1953) Ltd. possess seven passenger ships of a total tonnage of 5,047 GRT.

(c) Not to Government's knowledge

(d) Does not arise.

(e) None, so far.

Shri M. D. Joshi: Have they ever made any application to Government for aid?

Shri Alagesan: We have not received any.

ORANGE RESEARCH INSTITUTE, COORG

***691. Shri N. Somana:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether any decision has been taken on the location of an Orange Research station in Coorg?

(b) If so, when will the station start functioning?

(c) Who will be incharge of the station?

(d) Who will meet the (i) capital and (ii) recurring expenditure of this station?

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

(b) After the Officer-in-Charge is appointed through the Union Public Service Commission.

(c) A Horticulturist in the Central Services Class I (Senior).

(d) The entire non-recurring and recurring expenditure except land and buildings will be borne by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research.

Shri N. Somana: What will be the total cost of this Institute.

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: The total cost during the operation of the scheme, which will be for a period of five years, would be Rs. 1,69,300.