

### EXPLORATORY TUBE-WELLS IN RAJASTHAN

\*1678. **Shri Morarka:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state how many exploratory tube-wells will be constructed in Rajasthan under the All-India Exploration Programme?

(b) What will be the total cost of such tube-wells and in which part of Rajasthan are they going to be constructed?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai):** (a) It is proposed to have 5 exploratory tube-wells in the promising areas of Rajasthan under the Exploratory Project.

(b) (i) The total cost of the exploratory wells will depend upon their depth, the nature of strata met in course of drilling and the cost of materials used on the tube-wells. The present average cost of construction of a standard tube-well of 300 feet depth in alluvial soil is about Rs. 26,000.

(ii) Bikaner Division has been tentatively selected for the construction of these 5 exploratory wells. Final selection of sites will, however, be made by an Expert Committee consisting of the representatives of Geological Survey of India, T.C.M., the Ministry of Food and Agriculture and the Chief Engineer of the State.

### DEHRA DUN FOREST RESEARCH INSTITUTE

\*1679. **Shri Krishna Chandra:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the action taken by Government on the recommendation made in para 19 of the Sixth Report for 1953-54 of the Estimates Committee to make full use of the various plants worth a crore of rupees lying almost idle at present in the Forest Research Institute at Dehra Dun?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai):** The recommendation was referred to the Central Advisory Board on Forest Utilisation for advice. A copy of the resolution

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adopted by the Board on the subject is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VI, annexure No. 71.]

The Government of India agree with the views expressed therein.

### MINOR PORTS IN ANDHRA

\*1682. **Shri B. S. Murthy:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to refer to the answer given to starred question No. 1320 asked on the 26th March, 1954 and state:

(a) the total amount to be spent on Kakinada and Masulipatnam ports:

(b) the share of the Central Government in the expenditure; and

(c) when the work will start?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** (a) Rs. 2.75 lakhs and Rs. 1.65 lakhs respectively.

(b) This has not yet been settled.

(c) So far as the Central Government are aware work in Kakinada started in February 1954. Work in Masulipatnam has not yet started.

### STIPENDS TO TRIPURA STUDENTS

\*1690. **Shri Dasaratha Deb:** (a) Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state the number of students from Tripura who applied for admission to medical institutions in 1952 and 1953?

(b) How many of them were granted stipends and what was the minimum and maximum amount given to any student per month?

**The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur):** (a) Two students from Tripura applied in 1952 and two in 1953, through the Government of India for admission to medical institutions.

(b) No stipend was granted to any of them, but the Government of India paid capitation fees of Rs. 1,300 for each of the financial years 1952-53 and 1953-54 for one student from Tripura admitted to the Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Medical College, Indore.