

latter, as the 24th April 1954. An enquiry was held and the finding is that there is no truth in the news.

Shri P. C. Bose: May I know whether there is a mining inspector posted in the mica belt of Bihar?

Shri Abid Ali: Yes, there is one.

FOREIGN EXPERTS

*2357. **Shri Eswara Reddi:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the number of experts who have worked under the Indo-U.S. Technical Co-operation Agreement with the Ministry so far;

(b) the number of experts working at present with the Ministry; and

(c) the aspects on which the experts are working at present?

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

(b) Sixteen.

(c) Manufacture of biological products, maintenance and servicing of tractors, training of village level workers, agricultural publicity, fisheries, fertiliser and soil survey, soil science, agricultural economics and agricultural marketing, bull trawling operations and for working cutters.

Shri Eswara Reddi: May I know whether any report was submitted by these experts and, if so, on what aspects?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: They generally submit reports on all the aspects on which they are engaged.

Shri C. R. Chowdary: May I know whether there was any expert engaged on land reform to be undertaken and whether he has submitted a report?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: There was one expert who was engaged on this, and he has submitted a report.

Shri Bansal: May I know whether the salaries of these experts who

work with the Ministry are paid by the Government of India or by the American Embassy here?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: It is not the Embassy. It is the Technical Cooperation Agreement scheme out of which the salaries are paid. The Government of India does not bear any portion of the salary.

Shri C. R. Chowdary: May I know whether the report on land reform of the foreign experts will be placed on the Table of the House?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I think the salient features were given some time back.

BURMA RICE

*2359. **Shri Raghuramaiah:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) when the Burma rice under the recent agreement is expected to arrive at Indian ports; and

(b) to which States it is proposed to be distributed and in what quantities?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) The Burma rice, under the recent agreement will start arriving at Indian ports from now onwards.

(b) The distribution will be on all deficit States according to requirements.

Shri Raghuramaiah: What will be the landed cost of the rice?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: It will have to be specifically worked out after it has arrived.

Shri Dabhi: May I know whether Burma rice compares favourably with our own rice in the matter of price and quality and, if so, to what extent?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): In some parts of the country Burma rice is preferred to the rice produced in our own country, and as prices differ from State