

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) Arrangements for the organisation of the Regional Training Centre at Madras for the Southern Zone and the expansion of existing facilities at Poona for the Western Zone are nearing completion. Proposals for the early organisation of training Centres for the other regions are being considered.

(b) Two of the Colleges will be located at Madras and Poona. The location of the others has not yet been finally decided.

(c) Each regional college is expected to train about 40 to 45 candidates per year.

(d) The approximate expenditure on one regional Training Centre has been tentatively estimated at Rs. 10,000 annually non-recurring and about Rs. 83,000 recurring.

Shri S. N. Das: Arising out of the answer to part (b) of the question, may I know the proposals which are under consideration?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: The places under consideration seem to be Burdwan, Pusa, Meerut, Hastinapur and so on, but there is nothing definite.

Shri S. N. Das: May I know whether in these institutions trainees recommended by the State Governments would only be admitted or private individuals will be entitled to get admission there?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I do not think these things have been decided yet.

Shri T. S. A. Chettiar: May I know whether these co-operative colleges are going to be started as separate entities or as sections in existing colleges? In which place is it proposed to start this college in Madras?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I would like to have notice of the question.

Shri L. N. Misra: From the Report of the Progress of the Five Year Plan it appears that there is a College already going on in Poona. May I know how co-ordination between the College already in existence and the proposed college is to be maintained?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I could not follow the question. The Poona training college has been in existence for a long time.

Shri S. N. Das: May I know whether these colleges will be financed only by the Central Government or whether the States will also participate, and if so, to that extent?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I think the whole scheme is proposed to be and will be financed by the Reserve Bank of India.

तिलपत को रेल गाड़ियां

*२४६९. श्री राम दास : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे :

(क) २८ मार्च, १९५४ को भारतीय वायु सेना के तिलपत में हुए प्रदर्शन के सिलसिले में कितनी विशेष रेलगाड़ियां चलाई गई थीं ; और

(ख) इन गाड़ियों से सरकार को कितनी भाय हुई ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) A total of 14 special trains were run—4 on the outward journey from New Delhi and 7 on the return journey from Faridabad. On the outward journey, one of the special trains terminated at Tughlakabad and on the return journey, one special train terminated at Nizamuddin.

(b) Rs. 20,157/2/-.

Shri Ram Dass: May I know the total number of tickets issued and the accommodation provided?

Shri Alagesan: The total number of passengers booked from New Delhi, Delhi Main and Nizamuddin was 21,520.

Shri A. M. Thomas: May I know whether the report which appeared in the papers that the Railway Administration never informed the Delhi State authorities with regard to their intention to run special trains is correct, and if so, what are the reasons for the same?

Shri Alagesan: Am I to understand that the Delhi State authorities were

kept in the dark as to the running of the special trains? No, Sir.

Shri Ram Dass: My question as to the accommodation provided has not been answered. He has only said that so many tickets were issued, but how many seats were provided?

Shri Alagesan: There were, besides the special trains, several normal trains also, but as the House is aware, owing to the large rush of people, it was true that all these trains were overcrowded.

Shri Nambiar rose—

Mr. Speaker: A long statement was made in this House on the subject. I do not think any further question is necessary.

CHARGEMEN IN GOLDEN ROCK WORKSHOP

*2470. **Shri Veeraswamy:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Committee was appointed by the Railway Board to go into the question of upgrading chargemen in the Golden Rock Workshop;

(b) if so, what are the recommendations of that Committee; and

(c) whether the recommendations of the Committee have been implemented?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) No. But a Deputy Chief Mechanical Engineer of the ex-E. I. Railway was deputed to examine the question.

(b) The Deputy Chief Mechanical Engineer recommended upgrading from 'D' to 'C' grade of all Chargemen who either supervised independently skilled workmen and exercised technical and quality control over processes, or were in charge of a very large body of unskilled workmen, or of highly technical work, or were in practice in independent charge of their work.

(c) 45 posts have been upgraded in accordance with this recommendation, and the upgrading of 11 more posts is under consideration.

Shri Veeraswamy: May I know whether the Railway Ministry has received any representation from the chargemen who have not been so far upgraded and if so, what action has been taken on the representation?

Shri Alagesan: I think the reply has already been given. Forty-five posts have been upgraded. The upgrading of eleven posts is under consideration. It will be finalised soon.

Shri Nambiar: May I know whether it is a fact that in several cases, whenever upgrading was done, these posts were not confirmed for several years?

Shri Alagesan: That I cannot say offhand.

CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE FACTORY

*2472. **Shri H. N. Mukerjee:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that eight British technicians are joining the Chittaranjan Locomotive Factory under the Technical Co-operation Scheme of the Colombo Plan;

(b) if so, what are the terms of their appointment; and

(c) whether qualified Indian technicians were not available for the jobs in question?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Yes. 11 Technicians have joined the factory.

(b) Their appointment is for one year, but may be extended to two years. The Government of the United Kingdom bears the full cost of salaries and allowances and passages to India and back. The Government of India provides them with free furnished accommodation and free travel facilities in India.

(c) No.

Shri H. N. Mukerjee: May I know if it is a fact that the terms of three British experts who came to Chittaranjan some time ago have been recently extended for two years?