

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** Because it is not paying them any dividends or profits, where they are located at present.

**Shri Bishwa Nath Roy:** May I know whether they are quite sure that at the new place, the factories will run on a profit?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** We try to make reasonably sure, and I am certain, that they would go to a place where they will be able to make good the losses.

**Shri Jhunjhunwala:** What are the considerations which weigh with Government in shifting a sugar factory from one State to another, and have Government come to any conclusion as to the State in which the sugar industry can prosper better?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** There are no general considerations or principles. We examine each case, and make reasonably sure that the proposal is a sound one.

**Mr. Speaker:** Are these Government factories?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** No, they are private factories.

**Shri Heda:** What are the States to which these factories are being shifted?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** As I said earlier, there were two proposals. One is to be shifted to Bombay, and another, I believe, is also to be shifted to the same State, but I am not quite sure about that.

#### RAISING OF PLATFORMS

\*1116. **Shri Bibhuti Mishra:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state what criteria are applied to raise the platform of a Station to be on a level with the footboard of the trains?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** The ultimate target is to provide high level platforms at all important main line stations.

**श्री बिभूति मिश्र :** इस नार्थ ईस्टर्न रेलवे बहुत से स्टेशन ऐसे हैं कि जहाँ पर प्लैट-

फार्म नीचे ही हैं, तो क्या सरकार उन को जल्दी से जल्दी बनाना चाहती है ?

**Shri Alagesan:** The question of raising of platforms comes under passenger amenities work. A programme is drawn up by the Railway, with the approval of the Zonal Consultative Committee, and it is being executed.

I cannot give the number of stations with low-level platforms on the North Eastern Railway.

**श्री बिभूति मिश्र :** सरकार उस को कितने दिनों में कार्यान्वित करेगी ?

**Shri Alagesan:** It is a continuous programme.

#### AIR ROUTES

\*1119. **Sardar Hukam Singh:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India International proposes to open any new Far eastern routes during this year; and

(b) if so, at what stage is the proposal?

**The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) Yes.

(b) it is proposed to start air services on the following two routes, namely—

(1) Bombay-Calcutta-Bangkok-Hongkong-Tokyo.

(2) Bombay-Colombo-Singapore, from 1st July 1954; the routes and the dates are, however, tentative and are subject to all preliminary arrangements being completed before that date.

**Sardar Hukam Singh:** May I know, Sir, whether an overall survey has been taken of the routes that are there and can be opened or whether it is only these two routes that have been taken up?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** Two Officers of the Air India International Corporation went to various places where these

new services will touch. They examined the various facilities available like accommodation for booking office aerodromes etc. and then they formulated these particular recommendations.

**Sardar Hukam Singh:** May I know whether they made recommendations for more than these two routes or it was only these two routes that were recommended and others were not considered suitable for plying yet?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** Keeping in view the fleet of aircraft available this is what they have recommended.

**श्री हेडा :** क्या बम्बई कोलम्बो-सिंगापुर रूट में बंगलौर या त्रिवेन्द्रम को स्पर्श किया जायगा ?

**श्री राज बहादुर :** नहीं, यह वैदेशिक रूट है।

**Shri Jaipal Singh:** Are these new routes going to be operated by the Skymasters or the Constellations?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** The new Super Constellations that we are getting will be put on the European routes and those that are operating on the European routes will be put on these routes.

FOREST RESEARCH INSTITUTE, DEHRA DUN

\*1120. **Shri M. L. Dwivedi:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether any arrangement has been made for the collection of statistics on research done at the Forest Research Institute, Dehra Dun, and its allied institutions; and

(b) whether Government have considered the recommendations of the Estimates Committee (*vide para. 26 on page 16 of the Committee's Sixth Report*) and what steps are being taken to implement these recommendations?

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

(b) The Central Advisory Board on Forest Utilization has considered the 776 PSD

recommendations and drawn the specific attention of its Executive Committee to them for implementation.

**कुम्भ मेला और कांग्रेस अधिवेशन**

\*११२१. **सेठ गोविन्द दास :** क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या कुम्भ मेले में जाने वालों को वापिसी टिकट और अन्य सुविधाएं दी गई थीं ; और

(ख) कलकत्ते में कांग्रेस अधिवेशन में सम्मिलित होने वालों को टिकट में रियायत आदि की क्या सुविधाएं दी गईं ?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) Return tickets at two single journey fares were issued to the pilgrims from stations on all the Railways except the Southern Railway.

Other facilities, such as opening of new stations and additional booking windows, running of special trains, strengthening of existing trains, additional platforms, etc., were also provided

(b) No concession in fares was allowed. Facilities provided included issue of return tickets at two single journey fares, running of special trains, extension of existing services, strengthening of trains and opening of a temporary station at Congress Nagar with arrangements for reservation of seats and berths.

**सेठ गोविन्द दास :** क्या माननीय मंत्री जी को मालूम है कि पहले इस प्रकार के देश में जितने आयोजन होते थे उन में इस तरह की टिकटें दी जाती थीं, अब इन को बन्द करने का क्या कारण है और क्या इस पर फिर से विचार किया जा रहा है ?

**Shri Alagesan:** I do not remember whether concessional tickets were issued for any Congress Session or any of the previous Kumbh Melas.