

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.

Shri Achuthan: May I know why this concession was denied on the Southern Railway?

Shri Alagesan: Many people from the south did not attend the Kumbh Mela.

Shri Nambiar: How did he know earlier—before the concession was announced?

Shri Alagesan: Yes. We know it.

DRY FARMING METHODS

*1122. **Shri Jhulan Sinha:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the areas where Dry Farming methods are being experimented upon or successfully carried on; and

(b) the result of these experiments and operations?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) As far as is known research work on dry farming is being carried on in Bombay and Madras. The results of research work already undertaken are being adopted under field conditions in the dry parts of Madras, Bombay, Hyderabad, Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal, Punjab, PEPSU and Vindhya Pradesh.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 26.]

Shri Jhulan Sinha: May I know, Sir, if the entire initiative in the matter has been left to the States or the Central Government also takes it up?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: The initiative is shared by the Centre and the States.

Shri Jhulan Sinha: How much of the amount sanctioned as loan to the various States has been availed of by them?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I have not got reports from them yet.

Shri Raghavachari: Is there any literature that has been published showing the results of all these researches on dry farming?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I believe, Sir. Yes.

Shri Lakshmayya: May I know whether research in dry farming is being carried on in Andhra State?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: The State has recently come into being. I am sure 'Madras' probably includes Andhra.

फ़तुहा-इस्लामपुर लाइट रेलवे

*११२३. श्री एस० एन० दास : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार फ़तुहा-इस्लामपुर लाइट रेलवे को अपने नियंत्रण में लेने का विचार कर रही है; और

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो इस मामले में क्या स्थिति है ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Under the contract the next option to Government to purchase this line falls on 31-3-58. It is premature to consider the matter at this stage.

श्री एस० एन० दास : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि केन्द्रीय सरकार के पास उस रेलवे के वर्तमान काम के प्रबन्ध के बारे में कोई शिकायतें आई हैं ?

Shri Alagesan: I am not aware, Sir.

CORRUPTION AMONG RAILWAY STAFF

*1124. **Shri Dabhi:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Anti-corruption and Prohibition Intelligence Branch of Bombay has detected a racket amongst railway staff at Sulebhavi station on the Southern Railway;

(b) if so, the details of this racket; and

(c) how it came to light?