

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** I think it falls outside the present question.

**Shri Rishang Keishing:** May I have an idea as to the forest policy of the Government?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** I would require notice of the question.

#### INTERNATIONAL FARM YOUTH PROGRAMME

**\*2071. Shri Janardhan Reddy:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the reply given to starred question No. 248 asked on the 22nd February, 1954 regarding International Farm Youth Programme and state:

(a) how many candidates have been selected for study and training in USA; and

(b) whether these candidates are selected on a State-wise basis?

**The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh):** (a) Twenty-five.

(b) No.

**Shri Janardhan Reddy:** May I know the type of training that they will get?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** There is no idea of training as such. The Four-H Club in the U.S.A. which is organising interchange of young farmers from various countries invites certain number of young farmers, and it is under that scheme that these young farmers will go and visit the country and live with the farmer families and try to learn the American ways and also explain to them the Indian agricultural situation and Indian conditions.

**Shri Janardhan Reddy:** May I know who will bear the expenses over these boys?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** The whole expenditure is being borne by the Four-H Clubs.

**Shri Raghuramaiah:** May I know whether under this programme, in India we have to receive some American farm youths, and whether any have come or are expected to come?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** Not as a condition precedent but as a gesture of mutual goodwill we received nine young men last year.

**Shri Janardhan Reddy:** May I know whether there is any proposal for sending some of our youths to any other country—China, Japan?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** There has not been any specific offer. We will be very glad to consider if there is one.

**Shri N. Rachiah:** May I know the basis on which these candidates are selected, and if there is any Scheduled Caste candidate?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** In any case, communal considerations are not the basis of these selections.

**Shri N. Rachiah:** It is not a question of communal considerations.....

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, order. Next question.

#### BOMBAY-POONA NATIONAL HIGHWAY

**\*2073. Shri Y. M. Mukne:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to construct diversions on the Bombay-Poona National Highway No. 4 where it passes through the villages of Chawk, Khopoli, Kamsheth and Vadgaon; and

(b) if so, when the work will be undertaken?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) and (b). It is proposed to construct diversions near Khopoli and Kamsheth villages and provision for necessary surveys has been made in the current five year programme. The question of construction will be considered after the results of the surveys are known. There is for the present no proposal for the construction of diversions at Chawk and Vadgaon villages.

**Shri Y. M. Mukne:** May I know whether Government have any figures as to the number of accidents that took place in these villages and how many accidents have been fatal each year?