

(b) what minimum qualifications have been prescribed for the candidates who join this course?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) The expenditure is estimated to be in the neighbourhood of Rs. 1,800.

(b) Candidates having some background knowledge of Indian History, Geography, Elements of Public Administration, Art and Architecture have been admitted to the course.

BAG-CLEANING MACHINE

*570. **Shri Krishnacharya Joshi:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received the delivery of the Bag-cleaning Machine from United Kingdom; and

(b) if so, when Government propose to try the experiment?

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

(b) The machine has been received at Calcutta and arrangements are being made with the representatives of the firm which supplied the machine for the actual erection of the machine. It is hoped that the machine will start functioning shortly.

केन्द्रीय ट्रैक्टर संगठन

*571. श्री एम० एल० द्विवेदी : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) केन्द्रीय ट्रैक्टर संगठन के भविष्य के सम्बन्ध में, प्राक्कलन समिति द्वारा बताया गई हानि और कृषियों को दूर करने के लिये, सरकार ने क्या नीति बनाई है ;

(ख) प्राक्कलन समिति ने अपने सातवें प्रतिवेदन में जो सिफारिशों की हैं, क्या सरकार उन्हें क्रियान्वित करने का विचार करती है, और यदि हां, तो अभी तक इस मामले में क्या किया गया है ; और

(ग) प्राक्कलन समिति ने इस संस्था के अशासन के सुधार के लिये जिस मंत्रणा समिति

की सिफारिश की थी, क्या वह बना दी गई है, या निकट भविष्य में बनाने का विचार है ?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) to (c) The seventh Report of the Estimates Committee on the working of the Central Tractor Organisation has been examined in detail by the Central Tractor Organisation and a senior officer in the Secretariat. They have made certain proposals, which are at present under the consideration of Government. It is expected that final decisions will be taken in the course of the next few weeks. It is proposed to place on the Table of the House a detailed statement of the action taken or proposed to be taken

ROADS IN TRIPURA

*572. **Shri Biren Dutt:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work of metalling the *katcha* roads in Agartala Town has been taken in hand;

(b) if so, the number of *kutchra* roads that are proposed to be metalled in 1954-55; and

(c) the amount sanctioned for this work?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Yes.

(b) 12 roads.

(c) Rs. 2.68 lakhs. This includes provision for black topping of 2.5 miles of existing water-bound macadam road.

स्लीपरों के लिए इमारती लकड़ी का अभाव

*573. श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि छोटी रेलवे लाइनों के लिये भारत में स्लीपरों के लिये लकड़ी का अभाव है ;