

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai):** (a) 5,347 village Level Workers and members of the Supervisory Staff had been trained, upto the 31st July, 1954, and another 2,028 were under training on that date.

(b) 1,909 Village Level Workers and members of the Supervisory Staff were trained during the period 1st January to the 31st July, 1954.

#### RURAL POST-OFFICES IN MADRAS

\*895. **Shri Balakrishnan:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Post Offices that have been opened in rural area of the Madras State in the year 1953-54; and

(b) the number of Post Offices that will be opened there in 1955 and 1956?

**The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) 177 Post Offices.

(b) 1954-55	239
1955-56	184.

#### VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRES

\*897. **Dr. Satyawadi:** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the members of the Selection Boards for the Vocational Training Centres in Punjab and PEPHU; and

(b) the dates when these Boards were constituted?

**The Minister of Labour (Shri K. K. Desai):** (a) A statement is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VI, annexure No. 9].

(b) July, 1954.

#### TRIPURA PROJECT AREA

\*898. **Shri Biren Dutt:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a big fishery has been set up by the people in the Tripura Project Area;

(b) whether any financial assistance has been sought from the authorities on this account;

(c) if so, whether any aid in the form of cash or otherwise has been given to them; and

(d) if not, the reason therefor?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai):** (a) A few small fisheries have been taken up by the people of the Project area.

(b) No.

(c) and (d). Do not arise.

#### जड़ी बूटियां

\*८९९. श्री बाबसाह गुप्त : क्या स्वास्थ्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगी कि :

(क) जड़ी बूटियों के उगाने तथा उन की रक्षा करने के कौन कौन से सरकारी केन्द्र हैं; और

(ख) क्या इन केन्द्रों में इन जड़ी बूटियों से औषधियां तैयार करने की कोई योजना है ?

**The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur):** (a) and (b). The required information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

#### TRAMWAYS IN MADRAS

\*900. **Shri K. Subrahmanyam:** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Union Government have appealed against the award of special Industrial Tribunal Madras in the dispute between workers and the management of Madras Electric Tramways; and

(b) whether it is a fact that this appeal has been referred to the Labour Appellate Tribunal?

**The Minister of Labour (Shri K. K. Desai):** (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

#### NORTH LAKHIMPUR-ALONG ROAD

\*908. **Shri Gohain:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct a road from North

Lakhimpur to Along in Siang Frontier Division of North East Frontier Agency;

(b) if so, whether the survey has been completed and alignment finalized; and

(c) the length of the road and the estimated cost of construction of the road?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** It will not be in the public interest to disclose the information.

#### BRIDGE AT MANIHARIGHAT

\*909. **Shri H. N. Mukerjee:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether Government propose to construct a bridge at Maniharighat?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** There is no such proposal under consideration.

#### MOTOR VEHICLE TAXATION

\*918. **Shri S. N. Das:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to refer to page 28 of the Ministry's report for the year 1953-54 and state:

(a) whether any general agreement has been reached among the various States on a common policy for taxation of motor vehicles;

(b) if not, how the matter stands;

(c) whether the Transport Advisory Council has finally considered the matter; and

(d) if so, what is the final decision in the matter?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) to (d). It is proposed to review the whole position relating to taxation on motor vehicles in the light of the findings of the Taxation Enquiry Commission on receipt of its report.

#### HOOGHLY MODELS

\*921. **Shri S. C. Samanta:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state;

(a) the number of models of the river Hooghly which are being experimented on at present by the experts at

the Central Water and Power Research Station Kharakvasla;

(b) whether the experts have recommended that a portusion near Fulta point should be cut out to improve navigability; and

(c) if so, when this will be carried out; and

(d) how far the construction of the dams and Durgapur barrage under Damodar Valley Corporation Project will affect or help the navigability of the river Hooghly?

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

(b) Yes.

(c) The work is expected to start by October, 1955.

(d) Expert opinion is that the Damodar Valley Project will not materially affect the navigability of the river Hooghly. Investigations are, however, in progress.

#### INCREASE IN FOOD PRODUCTION

\*922. **Dr. Satyawadi:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment of the increase in food production as a result of the activities of the Central Tractor Organisation has been made; and

(b) if so, the result thereof?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The additional food production per year on the land reclaimed by Central Tractor Organisation at the very conservative rates of 8 maunds per acre for fallow lands and 2 maunds per acre for *Kans* infested cultivated lands, is about 56,64,000 maunds or about 2,08,200 tons.

Some experiments are being carried out by the National Sample Survey to determine the additional production in the tractorised areas on a scientific basis. Their final figures are not yet available.