

able and it was given to the Military and it is possible to take this land which is in the possession of the Military and give it over to the Dairy Institute?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I am afraid the Defence Ministry has refused to give us back the land.

DEVELOPMENT OF FISHERIES

*644. **Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of fish consumed in the country annually;

(b) whether all the fish consumed is procured within the country; and

(c) the amount provided under the Second Five Year Plan for the development of fisheries?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 35.]

(b) Nearly all.

(c) Details of Second Five Year Plan are still under consideration.

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: May I know the total allocation that has been provided in the Five Year Plan and out of that amount how much has been spent so far?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I must ask for notice of this question.

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: May I know whether it is a fact that the per capita availability of fish has not increased in proportion to the increase of the population, and in view of the recommendations of the Planning Commission on the high nutritive value of fish, what steps do the Government propose to take to increase the production of fish?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: The whole matter has been dealt with in the Five Year Plan, and it is likely that it will receive probably a little more emphasis in the Second Five Year Plan. We are aware of the nutritive

value of fish and we are also anxious to increase the per capita consumption.

Shri V. P. Nayar: May I know whether, in view of the importance to be given for the transport of fish from the coastal areas to inland places for the development of the fishing industry, as a whole. Government have taken any steps to see that adequate number of refrigerator vans are provided in the Indian railways to enable the fish caught at coastal places to be transported to inland places?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: We have been agitating this for a long time and it appears that some of our efforts will succeed very soon.

Shri T. S. A. Chettiar: May I know in what part of the coastal areas deep sea fishing has been developed?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I could not give all the details, but it has been naturally developed on the coastal areas near Bombay, West Bengal and also in Madras and Travancore-Cochin.

SUGAR PRODUCTION

*646. **Shri Keshavalengar:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of sugar in the district of Mewar in Rajasthan is the recognised monopoly of a particular firm;

(b) if so, when this monopoly was permitted;

(c) the name of the firm enjoying the monopoly; and

(d) the terms on which it has been granted?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) to (d). A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 36.]

Shri Keshavalengar: May I know if the continuance of this monopoly will not offend the provisions of the Constitution?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: Yes; therefore, they are not continued.

Shri Keshavalengar: May I know if any applications have been received for the starting of other factories in this area and if they have been rejected by the Government?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: There is no cane available. It is unlikely that there can be any application, but I would like to have notice of the question.

NEW COACHES

*647. **Shri Sinhasan Singh:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new coaches supplied by Messrs. Jessop and Company found unfit for use and sent to workshop for repairs;

(b) their main defects; and

(c) the action taken against the Company as also the officers responsible for taking their delivery?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) and (b). Metre Gauge coach body shells with underframes supplied by Messrs. Jessop & Co. are to Railway specifications and have no defects. Those shells have been furnished in railway workshops, in the course of which it was found that due to slight extra weight the springs would require strengthening. This work has been undertaken and many of the coaches have already been put into service.

(c) Does not arise.

Shri Sinhasan Singh: May I know whether many of the coaches, just after they were set on the rails, were sent back to the Gorakhpur workshop?

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan: No, Sir. We are not aware.

Shri Sinhasan Singh: May I know whether there are many coaches still lying in the workshop, under repair?

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan: All the coaches that come to the railways from Jessop & Co., always go to the workshop first for furnishing. After they are furnished, they are sent out.

Shri Sinhasan Singh: My point was: after they are sent to the railway for use, they get broken, and they are sent for repair next time.

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan: We are not aware of any such thing.

PLANNING SECTION OF P. & T. DEPARTMENT

*648. **Shri Sanganna:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at the conference of the Post Masters General held at New Delhi on the 28th September, 1954 it has been proposed to set up an independent Planning Section to execute the Posts and Telegraphs Schemes during the Second Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, whether the proposal has been accepted by Government?

The Minister of Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram): (a) and (b). No.

Shri Sanganna: May I know whether there was any proposal to be considered in the near future?

Shri Jagjivan Ram: I do not think that the P.M.Gs. conferences made any such proposal, but apart from that, we have been taking all necessary steps to expedite the implementation of the Five Year Plan.

DAMAGE TO RAILWAY TRACK

*649. **Shri Amjad Ali:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the amount spent on the repairs of (i) bridges and (ii) the track on the Assam-link-line damaged due to recent floods?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport