

(b) whether any portion of the said roads has been metalled, tarred or concreted and if so, how much?

**The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri):** (a) Yes.

(b) 32½ miles have black-top surface, 41½ miles have cement-concreted surface and about 170 miles have water bound macadam surface. There is no section of National Highways which is not provided with a hard crust.

**Shri A. M. Thomas:** May I know, Sir, whether the Ministry of Transport has assumed the entire liability for the west coast road in Travancore-Cochin?

**Shri L. B. Shastri:** Yes, we have.

**Shri Achuthan:** May I know, Sir, what is the amount contributed by the Central Government in metalling these roads?

**Shri L. B. Shastri:** Well, we have provided in the budget four lakhs of rupees for original works development and for maintenance and repairs six lakhs and twelve thousands.

**Shri A. M. Thomas:** May I know, Sir, whether investigation had been made for the siting of bridges?

**Shri L. B. Shastri:** Yes.

**Shri A. M. Thomas:** What are those bridges, Sir?

**Shri L. B. Shastri:** Avoor and Periyar Bridges.

**Shri A. M. Thomas:** May I know, Sir, whether the present line of the west coast is proposed to be changed?

**Shri L. B. Shastri:** I have no idea.

#### TRICHUR-KOLLENGODE RAILWAY LINE

\*1471. **Shri A. M. Thomas:** (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether any survey was at any time made regarding the possibility of linking Trichur with Kollengode by rail?

(b) If so, what is the result?

**The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri):** (a) Traffic and Engineering surveys for this line were last carried out in 1946-47.

(b) The survey reports revealed that the anticipated earnings of the line would not be sufficient to cover even the working expenses. Moreover, adequate road transport facilities are already available on this section. The Central Board of Transport decided therefore that the proposal should be dropped.

**Shri A. M. Thomas:** What was the estimated cost of the line?

**Shri L. B. Shastri:** The estimated cost is for broad-gauge about 3 crores and 2 lakhs and for metre-gauge lines two crores and fifty-nine lakhs.

**Shri A. M. Thomas:** May I know the length of the line?

**Shri L. B. Shastri:** I am sorry I shall require notice.

**Shri A. M. Thomas:** May I know, Sir, whether having regard to the number of years that have passed after investigation, the Government will again take up the matter?

**Shri L. B. Shastri:** We do not take up the matter just at present. We may consider it later.

**Shri Velayudhan:** May I know, Sir, whether it is the policy of the Government that when a survey is already made, a line will be constructed through that area at least?

**Shri L. B. Shastri:** That is not so. Survey is first made and then other factors are taken into consideration before taking a final decision.

#### F.A.O. FELLOWSHIPS

\*1472. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether it is a fact that F.A.O. has granted some travelling fellowships to Indian students for training abroad in cafeteria system?

(b) If so, how many fellowships have been granted?

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

(b) Three.

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** May I know, Sir, the value of the travelling fellowships?

**Shri Kidwai:** Well, the travel cost from this country for this training would be borne by the Government of India, Ministry of Food and Agriculture out of the grant given to N.I.W.F.C. The rest of the expenditure including subsistence allowance, tuition fees and travel cost necessary within the country to be visited will be borne by the F.A.O.

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** May I know, Sir, whether the F.A.O. has agreed to send an instructor for a catering training institute here?

**Shri Kidwai:** The F. A. O. will meet part of the cost and the grant made to the N.I.W.F.C. will meet the balance.

**Shri Raghavaiah:** May I know, Sir, the basis of the selection of candidates and the nature of training they receive?

**Shri Kidwai:** Candidates have not been selected State-wise. The candidates were selected some time back by the Departmental Promotion Committee out of the staff that is in charge of cafeterias.

**Shri K. K. Basu:** Will the hon. Minister state the minimum qualifications required for this fellowship and whether they belong to any particular sex?

**Shri Kidwai:** Well, I may give the names of the two persons who have been sent and the other things will be decided—Sardar Sampuran Singh and Mr. R. S. Sharma.

**Shri Kasliwal:** Does this training include training in automatic cafeteria also?

**Shri Kidwai:** The results are to be watched and also what arrangements exist in other countries and then the matter will be decided.

**Shri Raghavaiah:** Will the hon. Minister state the countries to which they are sent and the nature of training they receive.

**Shri Kidwai:** Two are visiting the U.S.A. and Canada and the third man will go to a European country.

**Shri K. K. Basu:** Does the Government propose to absorb these fellows, when they return, in their cafeteria movement or they will be allowed to start an independent movement?

**Shri Kidwai:** They have been sent to study the cafeteria arrangements existing there and if they find that the local methods can be improved by their training, they would try to do so.

#### GROUNDNUT (PRODUCTION)

\*1475. **Pandit Munishwar Das Upadhyay:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the total acreage under groundnut crops in the years 1950, 1951 and the estimated acreage in 1952?

(b) What is the quantity of production of groundnut, in the years 1950, 1951 and the estimated production in 1952?

(c) What States have recorded increase in acreage and produce and what States have recorded decrease?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai):** (a) to (c). A statement is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VII, annexure No. 29.]

**पंडित मुनीश्वर दत्त उपाध्याय:** क्या यह सत्य है कि मद्रास, उड़ीसा और पंजुब में जो एकरेज की जमीन में कमी हुई है उस का कारण यह है कि ग्री मोर फूड स्कीम के मातहत जमीनों में और अन्न उपजाया जा रहा है ?

**श्री किदवाई:** मेम्बर साहब मुझे इतला दे रहे हैं, हो सकता है।

**पंडित मुनीश्वर दत्त उपाध्याय:** इस दमियान एक्सपोर्ट इयूटी मंसूस कर देने की वजह से क्या कुछ तलमीना किया गया है कि आयन्दा उपज को एकरेज बढ़ जायेगी ?

**श्री किदवाई:** इयूटी छटाने की वजह यह है कि हम बाहर का मार्केट लूज कर रहे हैं और उम्मीद की जाती है कि उपज ज्यादा बढ़ जायेगी।

**पंडित मुनीश्वर दत्त उपाध्याय:** एक्सपोर्ट का कोटा बढ़ाये जाने से क्या ग्राउन्ड नट की उपज हमारे यहां आयन्दा ज्यादा होगी ?

**श्री किदवाई:** उम्मीद तो यही है।

**श्री पी० एन० राजभोज:** मंगफली भेजने के लिये किस क्रिस्म के परमिट दिये गये हैं और इन परमितों से सन् १९५१ ई० में कितना माल भजा गया ?

**श्री किदवाई:** एक्सपोर्ट के बारे में तो कामर्स डिपार्टमेंट से मालूम हो सकेगा। अगर मेम्बर साहब चाहेंगे तो मैं उस डिपार्टमेंट से इतला ले कर दे दूंगा।

**Shri Dabhi:** What are the figures of acreage and production for the Bombay State?

**Shri Kidwai:** These figures have been given in the statement laid on the Table.