

Dr. Katju: I should require notice of that question.

Shri Velayudhan: May I know, Sir, whether any plan is envisaged by the Central Government regarding the expenditure in the various States?

Dr. Katju: I venture to give a full explanation, namely, that the Chief Commissioner gives general advice and sees that the money is spent in a well coordinated manner. Otherwise the responsibility is that of the Central Government.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know the split-up of the sum of Rs. 180 lakhs according to tribal areas?

ELECTRIC TROLLEY

*507. **Sardar Hukam Singh:** (a) Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state whether any Battery driven electric trolley for carrying mail bags has been purchased and put to use at any place in India?

(b) If so, what was the cost incurred?

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

(b) Rs. 6,300.

Sardar Hukam Singh: May I know where this experiment is to be first tried?

Shri Raj Bahadur: Lucknow railway station.

Sardar Hukam Singh: Have Government any idea of the saving in expenditure that would be effected by this trolley?

Shri Raj Bahadur: It is yet in an experimental stage but it is estimated that the salary of two porters will be saved as a result of this mechanisation.

Sardar Hukam Singh: Will the use of the trolley expedite service: if so, to what extent?

Shri Raj Bahadur: Obviously, it will.

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: Is not there such a trolley in the Nagpur Aerodrome?

Shri Raj Bahadur: Not a battery driven one: the question relates to a battery driven trolley.

CENTRAL TRACTOR ORGANISATION

*508. **Sardar Hukam Singh:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state what was the area of Kans-infested land reclaimed during the year 1951-52 by the Central Tractor Organisation?

(b) What was the area of land ploughed by the C.T.O. during the said year?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) and (b). During the reclamation season of 1951-52 the Central Tractor Organisation has reclaimed, up to 25th May, 1952, 2,10,000 acres of Kans infested land. In addition, an area of 19,901 acres of jungle land was cleared out of which 17,667 acres were prepared for receiving seed.

Sardar Hukam Singh: Can the hon. Minister give any estimate of the additional production of food grains that is expected from this reclamation?

Shri Kidwai: I am not prepared to give any off-hand answer. When the reclaimed land is brought under cultivation, necessarily there will be some increase in food production.

Sardar Hukam Singh: What is the number of tractors employed for this reclamation?

Shri Kidwai: I will require notice of that question.

Sardar Hukam Singh: Were they all new tractors; or tractors received from the American army disposals?

Shri Kidwai: This question does not relate to what tractors were used and where they came from.

Sardar Lal Singh: Is there any private organisation engaged in reclamation working side by side, which can give us a comparative idea of efficiency of work and cost.

Shri Kidwai: This question relates to acreage of land reclaimed; not about the cost of operation.

पंडित सी० एन० मालवीय : क्या माननीय मंत्री यहोदय यह आंकड़े बता सकेंगे कि जो रकबा रिकलेम हुआ है उस में से कितना रकबा ऐसा था जो काश्त करारों के पास था और कितना ऐसा था जो गवर्नमेन्ट के कब्जे में था ?

[**Pandit C. N. Malviya:** Will the hon. Minister be able to tell how much of the reclaimed area was under the possession of the cultivators and how much under the possession of the Government before being reclaimed?]