

Mr. Speaker: Has the statement been placed on the Table of the House?

Shri Karmarkar: It is already placed in the Library.

Pandit Munishwar Datt Upadhyay: What is the area under match-wood plantation at present?

Shri Karmarkar: I should like to have notice.

Shri Nana Dass: What is the policy of the Government with regard to forests in which there is no vegetation?

Mr. Speaker: It is a very general and vague question; it covers the whole of the Indian Union.

Shri Nana Dass: Reserve Forests.

श्री एस० एन० दास : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ हर साल जैसे वन महोत्सव मनाया जाता था वैसे ही इस साल भी तीसरा वन महोत्सव मनाया जायगा या नहीं ?

Mr. Speaker: Order, order; I am not allowing the question.

Pandit Munishwar Datt Upadhyay: What special steps have been taken to encourage afforestation of lands?

Shri Karmarkar: I should like to have notice. What we propose to do is contained in the policy statement.

Shri Damodara Menon: Have the Government got any scheme to nationalise private forests?

Shri Karmarkar: All that is worth saying is stated in the policy statement.

ROADS AND BRIDGES IN MADHYA BHARAT

*819. **Shri R. C. Sharma:** (a) Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state what amount, if any, was incurred from the Central Road Fund on the construction of roads and bridges on the National Highways in Madhya Bharat State in 1951-52?

(b) Is there any list of roads and bridges to be constructed in Madhya Bharat under the National Highways Development Programme?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister (Shri Satish Chandra): (a) Nil from the Road Fund but (estimated) Rs. 1.25 lakhs from National Highway grants.

(b) There is a programme which includes the construction of a bridge over the Chambal river, work on

which will start in 1953; and the black-topping of certain miles of road yet to be finally selected.

श्री आर० सी० शर्मा : क्या माननीय मंत्री महोदय बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि इस चम्बल ब्रिज के अतिरिक्त कोई अन्य ब्रिज भी मध्य भारत में निर्माण होने वाला है ?

श्री मतीश चन्द्र : चम्बल ब्रिज नेशनल हाइवे पर एक ही पुल है जो बनने वाला है ।

श्री आर० सी० शर्मा : क्या मध्य भारत से पास होने वाला और कोई नेशनल हाइवे नहीं है ?

श्री मतीश चन्द्र : मध्य भारत से पास होने वाला और कोई नेशनल हाइवे नहीं है ।

श्री आर० सी० शर्मा : क्या माननीय मंत्री महोदय यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि रोड फंड में से प्रान्तों को जो धन दिया जाता है वह किस आधार पर और किस अनुपात से दिया जाता है ?

श्री मतीश चन्द्र : यह कहना तो भेरे लिये कठिन है लेकिन जहा तक मैं समझता हूँ आवश्यकतानुसार दिया जाता होगा ।

Shri Nambiar: The Question No. 821 may be answered, Sir.

Mr. Speaker: That would come at the end. Has he got the written authority?

Shri Nambiar: He has given oral authority, Sir.

Mr. Speaker: For the benefit of Members, I may say unless a specific written authority is given in respect of particular questions on a particular day, any such general authority is not going to be recognised.

CONSTRUCTION OF WELLS IN BIHAR

*823. **Shri Jhulan Sinha:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the subsidy for construction of wells in Bihar has been stopped?