पंडित ए० आर० ज्ञास्त्री : क्या माननीय मंत्री महोदय यह बतायेंगे कि जो उत्तरप्रदेश की मांग है कुंवों के लिए, वह कुंवें किन जिलों में अधिकतर बनाये जायेंगे ?

[Pandit A. R. Shastri: Will the fron. Minister state in which districts will the wells asked for by Uttar Pradesh mostly be situated?]

श्री किववाई: वह वही एरिया है जहां से आनरेबिल मैम्बर तशरीफ लाते हैं।

[Shri Kidwai: It is the same area from which the hon. Member hails.]

[Giani G. S. Musafir: Has the Punjab Government asked for any loan from the Government of India for the construction of tube-wells?]

Shri Kidwai: I think there is some scheme, but I cannot give any reply off-hand because this is not concerned with tube-wells.

Pandit D. N. Tiwary: Is not Bihar a scarcity area?

Mr. Speaker: Order, order.

Shri K. D. Malaviya: Is Government aware that the biggest hurdle in the way of the U.P. Government maintaining the programme of well construction is the inability of the Government of India to supply wagons for the proper movement of the raw materials?

Shri Kidwai: Yesterday the Chief Minister of U.P. mentioned it to me, that supplies of cement and other materials is held up, and I am looking into it.

सेठ गोबिन्बदास: उत्तर प्रदेश के सिवाय और किन किन प्रदेशों पर विचार किया जा रहा है। माननीय मंत्री जी ने अभी कहा या कि और भी कुछ प्रदेशों के सम्बन्ध में विचार किया जा रहा है।

[Seth Govind Das: In what other States besides Uttar Pradesh is the construction of tube-wells under consideration? The hon. Minister has

just stated that the case of some other States is also under consideration.]

भी किदबाई : जिन जिन प्रदेशों ने दरस्वास्त की है उन पर विवार किया जा रहा है।

[Shri Kidwai: The cases of those States which have made applications are being considered.]

FIVE-YEAR PILOT SCHEME

- *127. Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that a Five Year Pilot Scheme has been drawn up by Government for the immobilization of the Rajputana desert; and
- (b) if so, what is the estimated cost of the scheme?

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

(b) Rs. 3.17 lakes during the first year.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: May I know the chief features of this Pilot scheme?

Shri Kidwai: If the hon. Member requires it, I can lay the full literature on the Table. I can distribute it among the Members.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: Does this scheme envisage arresting the advance of the Rajputana desert and at what cost?

Shri Kidwai: The present scheme is for 5 years with the possibility of extension for another 5 years.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: What is the cost of carrying out this scheme?

Shri Kidwai: For the first year it will be Rs. 3,17,000 and the total cost is estimated to be Rs. 12 lakhs.

Shri Kasliwal: May I know whether any consultations in this connection have taken place with the Government of Rajastiran?

Shri Kidwai: Of course.

SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY LABOUR UNION

*128. Shri Nambiar: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the South . Indian Railway Labour Union's recognition has been withdrawn by the General Manager of the S. I. Railway and if so, why;