

sion of fishing in India with particular reference to mechanisation?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: We are tackling this question of mechanising our fisheries department very seriously and we are going to get a number of engines that will be fitted on the ordinary boats. There will also be trawlers which will be used for deep sea fishing.

Shri A. M. Thomas: From which part of India is dry fish largely exported?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I am afraid I have not got the information.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: The hon. Member knows that it is from Malabar.

Sardar Hukam Singh: What amount out of Grow More Food funds was spent for the expansion of fishing?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I have not got the figures.

MURLIGANJ-DAURAM MADHEPURA RAILWAY LINE

*1173. **Shri L. N. Mishra:** (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether the construction of a Railway line from Murliganj to Dauram Madhepura in North Eastern Railway of Bihar has been taken up?

(b) If the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, the progress made so far?

(c) When is the said line expected to be ready for traffic?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) The reply is in the affirmative.

(b) Regarding the progress of the work, earthwork for the embankment for 6.25 miles from Dauram Madhepura to Budhamghat has been completed.

(c) It is expected that the work will be completed towards the end of 1953-54.

Shri L. N. Mishra: Is it a fact that of late the construction work has been held up?

Shri Alagesan: The work is going on and is being done by the Public Works Department of the Bihar Government. As soon as they get hold of more land they will continue the work.

Shri L. N. Mishra: Is it a fact that even acquisition of land at certain places has not been made as yet?

Shri Alagesan: The Chief Engineer has told us that he will be able to get

more land in the future and he will be able to proceed with the work.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE, BANARAS

*1175. **Shri Rup Narain:** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of trainees in the Vocational Training Centre in Banaras Hindu University;

(b) whether seats are reserved for the Scheduled Caste candidates in this Training Centre;

(c) what are the number of trainees belonging to the Scheduled Caste community in the above Training Centre; and

(d) whether these trainees are given any kind of stipend, if so, what is the total number of stipends and the amount per month given to the trainees?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) There were 303 trainees receiving technical training in the Training Centre at the Engineering College, Benares Hindu University at the end of October, 1952.

(b) Yes; 12½ per cent. of the seats have been reserved for the Scheduled Caste candidates.

(c) 18.

(d) 12 Scheduled Caste trainees receive stipend at the rate of Rs. 25 per month per trainee.

Shri Rup Narain: May I know whether the certificates given to these trainees have been recognised by the Central Government or the State Governments?

Shri Abid Ali: Some Governments have recognised.

Shri Bheekha Bhat: May I know if any seats are reserved for Scheduled Tribes?

Shri Abid Ali: Not for Scheduled Tribes.

श्री गणपति राम : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि इस तरह की ट्रेनिंग पर कितना रुपया अब तक खर्च किया गया है ?

श्री आशिष बली : इस के लिये अगर आप सवाल लिख कर पूछें तो मैं जवाब दे सकूंगा ।

Shri Sanganna: May I know why no seats have been reserved for Scheduled Tribes?