

bridges, etc., is under consideration. I cannot give the time when these permanent constructions will be finished.

Shri L. Jogeswar Singh: May I know whether the Government is receiving complaints from people in Assam and other areas over the undue delay in the restoration of railway communications and whether it is a fact that it is due to the Government and railway authorities that the delays are caused?

Shri Alagesan: Naturally, we are interested in restoring communications as quickly as possible, but, as the House is aware, the floods are phenomenal and we could not do much in the face of floods. We did our best and saw to it that communications are restored at the earliest date.

Shri Barman: There are two lines branching off from the Assam link—one leading to Barnes and the other to Changrabanda. Both these branches have not been repaired. May I know what time it will take to have these repairs done on these two lines?

Shri Alagesan: I would like to have notice.

BREEDING OF BUFFALOES

*477. **Shri C. R. Narasimhan:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the action taken on the recommendation of the Estimates Committee as contained in para 21 of their Tenth Report regarding scientific breeding of buffaloes to meet the milk requirements of the country?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): A statement is laid on the table of the Sabha. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 73.]

Shri C. R. Narasimhan: May I know why the statement is silent on the Committee's reference to the possibility of development of the export market in respect of buffaloes?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I do not think we are silent deliberately. Probably

there is no possibility of developing a large export market.

Shri C. R. Narasimhan: The Committee recommended that there was a possibility of development of export markets. I want to know whether the Government paid any attention to that

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I would like to have notice of the question.

Shri C. R. Narasimhan: Is similar research work being carried on in respect of buffaloes in the Guntur State Government Farm, and if so, what is the development there?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: That must be within the State's purview. It is not the Government of India's work; it is the State's.

Khandsari SUGAR

*478. **Shri G. L. Chaudhary:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the quantity of Khandsari sugar that is annually produced in Uttar Pradesh?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): The annual production of khandsari sugar in U.P. is on an average about 90,000 tons.

Shri G. L. Chaudhary: Would Government include this industry in the Five Year Plan?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: This has now been assigned to the All-India Khadi and Village Industries Board which is looking after this matter and evolving some processes which will probably help larger production.

CORRUPTION AMONGST RAILWAY EMPLOYEES

*479. **Shri Brajeshwar Prasad:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply to starred question No. 80 asked on the 18th November, 1954 and state the reasons why no prosecution has been launched against certain officials of the ex-Saurashtra Railways who are alleged to have misappropriated a sum of Rs. 13 lacs?