

Shrimati Chandrasekhar: It will depend on the subjects arising there.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know if any agenda of the conference has been received so far or not? Are our representatives going unprepared for the conference?

Shrimati Chandrasekhar: There is a provisional programme supplied, and I think the person who is going to represent the Government of India will go prepared with the information.

SERVICING OF TRACTORS

***2023. Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have considered the report of the Committee on Servicing of Tractors; and

(b) if so, which of its recommendations have been accepted by Government?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) and (b). The various recommendations of the Committee are under consideration in consultation with other Ministries where necessary.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: May I know by what time this consultation will be over?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: It is in the process of being finalised. It will not take very long.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: May I know whether the hon. Minister is in a position to give the number of tractors which require repairs at present and how many of them can be reconditioned by the end of the present year, and whether this committee has made any recommendation in regard to Pashabhai ploughs also?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I could not say off-hand, and I am afraid it would be difficult for me to give the details as to how many tractors there are and how it will be possible to rehabilitate them.

WATER PIPE FACTORY

***2025. Shri Ram Shankar Lal:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a water pipe manufacturing factory in Chavara in Travancore-Cochin; and

(b) if so, the steps taken so far for setting up the factory?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) Yes, under the Indo-Norwegian Development Project.

(b) The engineer to supervise the erection of the factory has arrived from Norway and the machinery is expected to arrive shortly from Norway.

MARINERS' TRAINING CENTRES

***2026. Shri Ibrahim:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) the number of students admitted in 1954 in the Marine Engineering Training Centre at Calcutta; and

(b) the average expenditure incurred per trainee?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) 30 apprentices were taken for the Calcutta centre and another 20 were admitted for the Bombay centre.

(b) Rs. 3,700 (Approx.) per annum.

Shri Ibrahim: May I know the number of students from Bihar?

Shri Alagesan: From Bihar so far 14 have been admitted.

Shri Ibrahim: May I know how many training centres are in India and the total expenditure incurred on them?

Shri Alagesan: We admit these students in Bombay as well as Calcutta. We admit about 50 students a year. I do not have the total expenditure.

BRIDGE OVER ALWAYE RIVER

***2028. Shri C. R. Iyyunni:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to refer to the reply given to starred