

received from the people of that area; and

(c) if so, the decision taken in the matter?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) and (b). The Government of Andhra had intimated sometime back that they were contemplating to start a new sugar factory on co-operative basis at Chittoor, but no application for licence has been received.

(c) Does not arise.

LABOUR BUREAU, SIMLA

***1322. Dr. Satyawadi:** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Class I posts reserved in the Labour Bureau, Simla, for war-service candidates;

(b) whether those posts were filled up by the war-service candidates; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) Nil.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

RAILWAY EMPLOYEES

***1328. Shri Balwant Sinha Mehta:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the report of the committee for the equitation of ex-State Railway employees has been submitted to Government;

(b) if so, its main recommendations; and

(c) when it is expected to be published?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Yes.

(b) and (c). The recommendations are not intended to be made public.

MOKAMAH BRIDGE

***1329. Shri Anirudha Sinha:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to starred question No. 480 on the 29th November, 1954 and state:

(a) whether the work on the Railcum-Road bridge project at Mokamah-ghat over Ganga is now proceeding satisfactorily; and

(b) the amount spent up to the 28th February, 1955 on the construction of this bridge?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Approximately Rs. 198 lakhs have been spent upto 31st January, 1955. Figures up to February 1955 are not available at present.

ANTI-LOCUST SQUADS

***1331. Shri J. R. Mehta:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the total strength of the anti-locust squads operating at present in Rajasthan; and

(b) the strength of the squads located permanently within 20 or 30 miles of the Pakistan-Rajasthan border?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) Seventy four mobile outposts are functioning. Actual operations, however, will be undertaken if and when the locust visit this area.

(b) Nineteen.