

at the third meeting of the Council held from the 23rd to 25th of January, 1955, are at present under consideration.

TRAIN ACCIDENT

*138. { **Shri Krishnacharya Joshi;**
Shri Raghunath Singh;

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the causes of the derailment of the 450 Down Lucknow-Kasgunj passenger train on the North Eastern Railway on the 7th February, 1955 at 7-15 A.M. near Bhojeepura Junction;

(b) the number of persons killed and wounded; and

(c) the loss sustained by the Railway Administration due to this accident?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) The provisional finding of the Government Inspector of Railways who enquired into this accident is to the effect that the derailment of 450 Down passenger at about 7.16 hours on 7th February, 1955, between Saithal and Bhojeepura was caused by the breakage of the left driving journal of the locomotive that was hauling the train.

(b) 4 persons were killed; one person received serious and 17 minor injuries.

(c) The approximate cost of damage of Railway property was Rs. 50,900/-.

CO-OPERATIVE CREDIT

9. Shri Morarka: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government agree with the views of Mr. Chester C. Davis, consultant to the Ford Foundation that the slow growth of co-operative credit in India is mainly due to the lack of emphasis and attention given to the savings of their members to be systematically invested in their share capital and reserves and the public

savings to be invested in their bonds and debentures through a broad investment market; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take in the matter?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) This is only one of the several causes for the slow growth of Co-operative Credit movement.

(b) The question of strengthening the Co-operative Credit structure is under consideration of the Government.

CO-OPERATIVE STRUCTURE IN VILLAGES

10. Shri Morarka: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the recommendation of Mr. Chester C. Davis, Consultant to the Ford Foundation that the team-work between the co-operatives and the National Extension Organisation is exactly what is needed for strengthening the basis for co-operative action in villages;

(b) whether Government have examined the proposition; and

(c) if so, the action proposed to be taken in the matter?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes. This and other suggestions are under examination.

(c) The matter is still under consideration.

ROADS UNDER SECOND FIVE YEAR PLAN

11. Shri N. B. Chowdhury: Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to lay on the Table of the House a statement showing the list of roads recommended by the State of West Bengal for inclusion in the Second Five Year Plan?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): No recommendations have so far been received from the Government of