

रज्जु मार्ग (रोप व)

*२५४५. श्री एच० पी० सिंघ : क्या रेलवे मंत्री २६ नवम्बर, १९५४ को दिचे गये तारीकत प्रश्न संख्या ४६२ के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या तब से तारीघाट से गाजीपुर तक एक रज्जु मार्ग (रोप व) बनाने के सम्बन्ध में कोई अन्तिम निर्णय किया गया है ?

रेलवे तथा परिवहन मंत्री के सभासचीब (श्री शाहनवाज खां) : अभी इसका विचार छोड़ दिया गया है ।

POSTAL LIFE INSURANCE SCHEME

*2546. **Shri H. N. Mukerjee:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Director of Postal Life Insurance has prepared a scheme for the Postal Life Insurance Organisation which implies the curtailment of the existing staff by fifty per cent?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): A scheme involving decentralisation of certain items of work which are at present being performed in the office of the Director, Postal Life Insurance, Calcutta and the transfer of these items to the Circle Offices at Calcutta, Bombay and Madras, has been worked out and will be introduced with effect from the 1st May, 1955. This scheme will initially involve the reduction of certain staff from the office of the Director, Postal Life Insurance, Calcutta, and an increase of staff in the Circle Offices at Calcutta, Bombay and Madras. It cannot be stated at this stage to what precise extent the scheme will ultimately involve an overall reduction in staff. In any event the interests of the surplus staff will be protected and endeavours will be made to absorb them in the P. and T. Administrative and other offices at Calcutta.

Shri H. N. Mukerjee: Have Government given their attention to the representations of employees regarding dangers to their stability of employment after decentralisation, if it is finally decided upon?

Shri. Raj Bahadur: Full consideration has been given to the representations made in this behalf.

FERTILIZERS

*2547. **Shri Sarangadhar Das:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to lay a statement on the Table of the House showing:

(a) the quantities of Ammonia Sulphate and other fertilisers supplied to Orissa in 1953-54 and 1954-55;

(b) the quantity asked for by the Government of Orissa for use in the crop season of 1955-56;

(c) whether any loan has been granted to Orissa during the above periods for this purpose; and

(d) if so, whether it has been repaid in due time?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) to (d). A statement giving the required information is placed on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix XII, annexure No. 1.]

Shri Sarangadhar Das: In view of the fact that in 1953-54, 15,900 tons were supplied, and in the following year 7,080 tons, and for 1955-56 they have asked for about 12,000 tons, may I know what is the reason for the decrease in the demand from the year 1953-54?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I am afraid it depends upon the competence of the agricultural departments in the various States. It was partially because of the carry-over from the last year that the total amount was less in 1954-55.

Shri Sarangadhar Das: May I know if the Orissa Government have informed the Ministry regarding any difficulties they had in rapid expansion of the use of fertilisers in the State, and if so, do they need any assistance for that purpose?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: Not to my knowledge. In fact, we are anxious to render all possible help where