

during 1954-55 season was 1.8 lakh tons up to the 15th March, 1955, as against 1.45 lakh tons during the corresponding period of the previous season.

श्री अनिरुद्ध सिंह: क्या माननीय मंत्री इस बात का कोई अन्दाजा दे सकते हैं कि सीजन के खत्म होने तक बिहार की चीनी मिलों में कितनी चीनी का उत्पादन हो सकेगा ?

अध्याक्ष महोदय: सीजन के खत्म होने तक कितनी चीनी का उत्पादन हो सकेगा ?

श्री अनिरुद्ध सिंह: जब सीजन खत्म होगा उस वक्त तक इस साल कितनी चीनी का उत्पादन हो सकेगा ?

डा० पी० एस० ईशमय्यल: मैं समझता हूँ कि ५०,००० एकड़ भूमि पर बाढ़ आने के कारण फसल खराब हो जाने के बावजूद भी इस साल कई सालों से ज्यादा चीनी का उत्पादन होगा और इसलिए सप्लाई अच्छी होगी।

श्रीमती कमलेश्वरी देवी: क्या माननीय मंत्री बताएंगे कि इस साल हम चीनी के बारे में आत्मनिर्भर हो जाएंगे और अगर नहीं तो कब तक हो जाएंगे ?

डा० पी० एस० ईशमय्यल: साल दो साल में, जैसे हम अन्न के बारे में आपत्त में थे लेकिन अब स्थिति ठीक हो गई है, वैसे ही सम्भावना इस मामले में भी है।

MOBILE SECTION OF EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGES

*1689. **Shri K. C. Sodhia:** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of motor vehicles with the Mobile Sections of Employment Exchanges;

(b) the names of the Exchanges which have such sections attached to them; and

(c) the total number of registrations secured by such Sections during 1954-55?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) and (b). Mobile

Sections as part of Employment Exchanges have been abolished with effect from January, 1955. Upto December, 1954, 30 Mobile Sections were equipped with one vehicle each. A statement showing the Employment Exchanges which had been supplied with motor vehicles for mobile sections is placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha [See Appendix VIII. annexure No. 35].

(c) 10,717 during April—December, 1954.

Shri K. C. Sodhia: What were the reasons for the abolition of these Mobile Sections?

Shri Abid Ali: These were not considered of much utility, Sir.

Shri K. C. Sodhia: Did they visit any country side places?

Shri Abid Ali: Yes, Sir. The Shiva Rao Committee which conducted a detailed enquiry about this matter felt that there was not much utility of these Mobile Sections.

PRODUCTIVITY OF SOIL

*1690. **Shri Subodh Hasda:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have carried out thorough survey of the soil in the various States so as to find its productivity and chemical nature; and

(b) whether it is a fact that chemical fertilisers are being used in rural areas without due test of the soil?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) Thorough and detailed soil survey to find out its productivity and chemical nature has been carried out in different States, in limited areas, for specific purposes.

(b) Chemical fertilizers in different tracts are used on the recommendations of the State Agricultural Departments. These recommendations are based on the experimental work done at States Govt. Agricultural Farms.

Shri Subodh Hasda: May I know whether the productivity of soil in our country is very low in comparison to other countries?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I do not think it is low. If anything, it is higher. But we have used it somewhat unfairly. We have not tried to put back into the soil what we have taken from it.

Shri Subodh Hasda: Is it a fact that the productivity of soil in our country is decreasing due to the wrong application of this chemical fertilizer?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: No, Sir. That is the only remedy to improve it.

Shri T. K. Chaudhuri: Has the attention of the Minister been drawn to the alarming report that has been published from time to time has been opinion of recognised experts as to the danger of soil erosion, and may I know whether that has any effect with regard to the productivity of soil in our country?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: These generally emanate from the brain of some cranky fellows. Generally speaking, there is unanimity of opinion that chemical fertilizers are better for productivity of soil.

Shri T. K. Chaudhuri: He has not understood my question.

Mr. Speaker: He may repeat it, without comment.

Shri T. K. Chaudhuri: May I know whether his attention has been drawn to the fact that recognised experts hold that soil erosion will constitute a grave danger to the productivity of our soil, whether that opinion is based on a fact or not?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: Yes, soil erosion does; not chemical fertilizer.

Shri T. K. Chaudhuri: I never said chemical fertilizer.

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: Erosion is a very big menace.

Shri Sarangadhar Das: Do I understand the Minister to say that chemical fertilizers by themselves when used in the soil are not harmful to

the soil, or does he maintain that the use of chemical fertilizer along with organic fertilizers is not harmful?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I do not think any farmer is foolish enough to rely upon chemical fertilizers by themselves. They are always to be used along with other manures.

BRIDGES UNDER SECOND FIVE YEAR PLAN

*1691. **Shri A. R. Sewal:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Himachal Pradesh Government have submitted a comprehensive scheme to be included in the Second Five Year Plan for bridging the rivers Giri, Sutlej, Beas, Ravi etc., in the interior of Himachal Pradesh, where people experience great hardships especially during the rainy season?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): Yes, Sir.

श्री भक्त वरान: क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि हिमाचल प्रदेश सरकार ने इस सम्बन्ध में कितनी लप्याँ की मांग की हैं और केंद्रीय सरकार कितनी सहायता देने वाली हैं?

श्री शाहनवाज खां: अभी तक इसका आखिरी फँसला नहीं हुआ है।

श्री भक्त वरान: मांग कितनी की है यह तो बताया जा सकता है।

रंजबे तथा परिचहन मंत्री (श्री एल० बी० शास्त्री): पांच साल की प्लान के लिए करीब पांच करोड़ रुपए की मांग है।

पर्यटक केंद्र

*१६९२. **श्री राम शंकर लाल:** क्या परिचहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि मगहर, जिला बस्ती, उत्तर प्रदेश में, सन्त कबीरदास की समाधि को पर्यटक केंद्र के रूप में विकसित करने का विचार है?

रंजबे तथा परिचहन मंत्री के सभासचीव (श्री शाहनवाज खां): जी, नहीं।

CORRUPTION AMONGST RAILWAY STAFF

*1693. **Shri Dabhi:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the