

Shri Nandas May : I know whether the Government has any programme to supply these engines to Andhra fishermen?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh : Wherever it is useful, it is supplied. If it would be useful in Andhra, certainly we will consider the matter.

Shri Nanadas : May I know what sort of encouragement the Government is giving to the fishermen?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh : Most of the schemes are really worked by the State Governments. Distribution of these machines and engines is under an operational agreement.

Shrimati Renu Chakravartty : May I know whether these machines are given as loans or grants to the fishermen and the security required to be furnished by them?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh : I do not have the details, but we give 50 per cent. subsidy.

Shri Velayudhan : May I know whether this particular type of diesel engines cannot be manufactured in India?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh : After careful consideration we considered this to be the best marine engines are not manufactured in India.

Shri M. D. Joshi : May I know how long these machines have been in operation in the Bombay State?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh : I am afraid I have not got the period.

Shri Punnoose : May I know whether it has come to the notice of the Government that local fishermen view with very great apprehension the introduction of this mechanised fishing? Has the Government examined the basis of their fear?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain) : What place is the hon. Member referring to?

Shri Punnoose : I am referring to Travancore-Cochin.

Shri A. P. Jain : I have been there myself and I found that there was no such apprehension.

Shri Punnoose : Am I to understand that the Ministry does not get the information that is appearing in local papers?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker : There was no representation to the Minister. That is what he means.

Electrification of Railways

*60. **Shri D. C. Sharma** : Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to electrify some of the sections on the Northern Railway;

(b) if so, the names of the sections which will be electrified during 1955; and

(c) the estimated expenditure to be incurred thereon?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan) : (a) No, Sir; not at present.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Shri D. C. Sharma : May I know why is it that sections of the Northern Railway are not being considered for the electrification, whereas sections of the other railways are considered?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri) : We will consider the electrification programme of the Northern Railways in the third Five Year Plan.

Shri D. C. Sharma : Is the hon. Minister aware of the fact that the Bhakra-Nangal project is going to generate a huge amount of electricity and that that may be used for electrifying some sections of the Northern Railway?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan : Quite apart from the another amount of electricity that would be available, another very important factor that is required for electrification is the density of the traffic. At present the density of traffic is not so much as to justify the electrification of these sections.

श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : रिहन्द डेम की इलेक्ट्रिसिटी का उपयोग उसमें हो सकता है या नहीं ?

श्री एल० बी० शास्त्री : अभी तो रिहन्द डेम का पता ही नहीं है, अभी तो काम उसका शुरू होने वाला है, इसलिये उसका सवाल तो बाद में आयेगा ।

Sardar Iqbal Singh : As the Parliamentary Secretary has declared that there is no density of traffic in the Northern Railway, will the Government consider the electrification of the suburban railway of Delhi in the Second Five Year Plan?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker : That is a suggestion for action.