

भूमि को खेती योग्य बनाने के विभाग का समाप्त किया जाना

*८३९. श्री एम० एल० द्विवेदी : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने भूमि को खेती योग्य बनाने के विभाग को समाप्त करने के सम्बन्ध में प्राक्कलन समिति की सिफारिश को कार्यान्वित करने का निश्चय किया है ;

(ख) यदि हां तो इस के कब तक समाप्त किये जाने की आशा है ; और

(ग) इस से प्रति वर्ष कितनी बचत होगी ?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) and (b). The matter is under consideration.

(c) If the recommendation is accepted *in toto* the annual savings will be of the order of Rs. 45,000.

WAITING HALLS ON NORTHERN RAILWAY

*843. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the number of stations on the Northern Railway that have waiting halls for 3rd class passengers at present?

(b) Are there any plans to build more 3rd class waiting halls?

(c) if so, at what places?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) 753.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Waiting halls for 3rd class passengers are programmed to be provided at 17 stations, in the near future a list of which has been laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 66.]

ALIGNMENT BETWEEN LUCKNOW AND AISHBAGH

*844. **Pandit D. N. Tiwary:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an alignment was constructed between Lucknow Junction and Aishbagh stations on the N. E. Railway in 1951-52 to run through trains to Kanpur avoiding repetition of Aishbagh station;

(b) whether it is now lying unused;

(c) the necessity for constructing this new alignment;

(d) the total expenditure incurred including survey and construction; and

(e) the number of residential quarters, if any, which had to be dismantled for this alignment?

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

(b) No.

(c) To save time in the reversal of engines at Aishbagh, of trains coming from and going to Kanpur from Lucknow Junction.

(d) Rs. 82,000.

(e) Nil.

RAILWAY QUARTERS

*845. **Shri Gidwani:** (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether the attention of Government has been drawn to a letter published in the *Leader* of Allahabad dated the 8th December, 1953 complaining about the condition of the Railway quarters in Allahabad.

(b) Is it a fact that several representations have been made to local authorities in that connection?

(c) If so, what action has been taken to redress the grievances?

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