

किन्नायी विक्रम कर्म किया जाएगा, यह भी तथे किया गया था ? प्रीर रेलवे काहे सारे देश में काम करती हो, पर रेलवे को पिछड़े हुए प्रीर बड़े हुए प्रान्तों का ती ध्यान रखना ही चाहिये ।

Mr. Speaker: It is a suggestion for action.

श्री जगदीश प्रबन्धी : क्या मैं माननीय मन्त्री जी से जान सकता हूँ कि बोर्ड आफ सेकेंडरी एजुकेशन, ग्वालियर ने इस स्कूल की क्यों मान्यता छीन ली प्रीर इससे कितने विद्यार्थियों पर असर पड़ा ?

श्री शाहनवाज खाँ : उसकी मान्यता छीनी नहीं गई थी, बल्कि उसको मान्यता दी गई थी ।

श्री जगदीश प्रबन्धी : इसके पहलें छीन ली गई थी ।

श्री शाहनवाज खाँ : नहीं, छीनी नहीं गई ।

Multipurpose Development Plan in Madhya Pradesh

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*810. { Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri:
Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of India have a proposal for a Rs. 5 crores multipurpose development plan for reclamation of the dacoit infested tract in Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the brief details of the plan?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Cast Iron Sleepers

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*811. { Shri Bimal Ghose:
Shri Easwara Iyer:
Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Shri Nagi Reddy:
Shri Panigrahi:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway Board have recently placed orders for Cast Iron Sleepers of about 2½ lakh tons;

(b) if so, whether the lowest tender was accepted; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) No, Sir; only a tender was issued recently and the offers received are under consideration.

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

Shri Bimal Ghose: May I know whether tenders were called for, if there has been a long lapse of time for coming to a decision and the reason for the delay in coming to a decision?

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: In the first place the question is not very clear as to whether it refers to 1958 or to 1959. As regards the 1958 tender, it was for 2.5 lakh tons of cast iron sleepers. 75 firms participated in the tender. The contract was given to 37 firms with a total of 2 lakh tons of which 1.15 lakh tons have already been supplied. So far as the 1959 tender is concerned that is also for 2.5 lakh tons. 66 firms have tendered, but no order has yet been placed.

Shri Bimal Ghose: Was the original order for 5 lakh tons out of which 2.5 lakh tons have already been supplied?

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: For 1958 it was 2.5 lakh tons and again for 1959 it is for another 2.5 lakh tons.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: May I know whether it is a fact that the Railway Board considers the lowest rate of tender, that is, Rs. 345 and Rs. 370 for BG and MG sleeper respectively as unworkable and uneconomic? Is it also not a fact that the Director General of Supplies and Disposals is purchasing in thousands of tons bearing plates which are admittedly costlier per ton than sleepers at Rs. 345?

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: Certain firms quoted a price that was the lowest. But, it was not accepted for other reasons.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: I want to know the names of the firms which have given their quotation and whether they are firms which manufacture keys or whether the keys are manufactured by Singh Engineering Co., Kanpur which has done previously very bad work.

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: The two firms are—may I give the names?

Mr. Speaker: Yes.

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: Messrs Baidyanath Iron and Steel Co., and Shri Hanuman Foundries Ltd. The contract was not given to the first firm because they were new in the line and we wanted to know whether they could fulfil the work. As far as the second firm is concerned, there were certain enquiries pending and therefore, they could not be given.

Shri C. D. Pande: How does the price of timber sleepers compare with iron sleepers and may I know whether in view of the large supply of iron now, tender foreign sleepers will be cancelled?

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: The hon. Minister has already stated that there will be no import further of foreign sleepers.

Shri C. D. Pande: How does the price compare?

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: A separate question may kindly be put.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: May I know whether these firms who are supplying sleepers are also manufacturing the keys? If the keys are manufactured by others, I want to know which are the firms which will manufacture the keys for joining the sleepers.

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: This question relates only to tender for sleepers. I do not know about keys. A separate question may be put.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: You may remember, Sir, the other question is here today, that sleepers were rejected, because the keys did not fit in, and the entire thing was thrown out. I want to know who will manufacture the keys. These are inter-linked.

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: I want notice.

Mr. Speaker: He is not in a position to answer immediately. The Question-hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Sleeping Accommodation in Air-Conditioned Third Class

*808. **Shri Mohammed Imam:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to provide sleeping accommodation to passengers travelling by Air-conditioned third class; and

(b) if so, when it will be given effect to?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Level Crossing at Safdarjang Airport, New Delhi

*809. { **Shri Ram Garib:**
Shri D. C. Sharma:

Will the Minister of Health be