

over the river Jamuna during the Third Five Year Plan period which were originally proposed for the Fourth Plan;

(b) if so, at which places such bridges are proposed to be constructed and how many bridges will be constructed; and

(c) whether any estimate has been prepared for this purpose?

The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Two bridges—one at Agra and another at Kalpi on National Highway No. 2 and 25 respectively. *These bridges could not be included in the current plan initially due to paucity of funds.

(c) The estimated cost of the bridge at Agra is Rs. 60 lakhs and of that at Kalpi is Rs. 86 lakhs (including approaches). The plans and estimate for the bridge at Agra have been called for from the Government of Uttar Pradesh and are awaited. Regarding the bridge at Kalpi, it will be a rail-cum-road bridge and the Railways are regarding their existing bridge. It has been decided to have a road deck on the regirdered bridge. The estimate is under preparation by the Central Railway.

आयात किये गये पौधों को कीटाणु रहित करना

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श्री स० चं० सामन्त :
श्री सुबोध हंसदा :

क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) विदेशों से जो पौध भारत में लाई जाती हैं, क्या बन्दरगाह उन पर पर दवा का छिड़काव किया जाता है ताकि पौधों की कोई बीमारी विदेशों से यहां न आये ;

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(ख) क्या ऐसे पौधे, जिन में कुछ बीमारी मालूम होती है लौटा दिये जाते हैं; और

(ग) इस साल अत्र तक इस किस्म के पौधों को लौटाने के कितने मामले हुए हैं ?

खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डा० राम सुभग सिंह) : (क) जी हां ।

(ख) परीक्षा तथा उपचार के पश्चात् पौधे यदि रोग रहित पाये जाते हों तो उन्हें आने दिया जाता है । यदि पौधे बहुत ज्यादा रोग ग्रस्त हों और उन्हें उपचार के पश्चात् भी रोग से मुक्त न किया जा सके तो उन को नष्ट कर दिया जाता है ।

(ग) १९६२ (जनवरी से दिसम्बर तक) के अन्तर्गत ७,१६३ पौधों / पौध सामग्री के प्रेषणों (consignments) को यहां पर उचित समझा गया निरीक्षण तथा उपचार के पश्चात् आने दिया गया । पौधों के ३०० प्रेषकों को, जो बहुत अधिक रोग ग्रस्त थे तथा उपचार के पश्चात् भी रोगरहित नहीं किये जा सके, नष्ट कर दिया गया ।

Box Type Wagons

444. Dr. L. M. Singhvi: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether on the basis of experience so far gained an assessment has been made, of the advantages and disadvantages of box-type wagons for carrying freight; and

(b) if so, whether a statement giving details thereof would be laid on the Table?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) and (b). Box type wagons have been and continue to be produced because of their advantages in increasing the throughput capacity by about 34 per cent, with higher train loads and greater speed potential, without any corresponding increase in the number of trains thus obviating large scale expenditure on line capa-