

(b) the total number of workers employed in the factories between 1947 and 1953 (year by year);

(c) the number of technical personnel employed in the (i) mines, (ii) factories; and

(d) the number of the mines that (i) use electricity and (ii) have been mechanised?

**The Minister of Labour (Shri V. V. Giri):** (a) to (d). A statement showing the requisite information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 30.]

#### SEARCH OF E. L. C'S OFFICE

312. **Shri Raghavaiah:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a search of the ELC's office, N.G. workshop stores of the Eastern Railway, by the anti-corruption staff, Jabbalpore revealed that nearly Rs. 5000/- worth of material was missing and accounts had been tampered with; and

(b) if so, the action taken in the matter?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) and (b). It is true that certain discrepancies in the stores material have been noticed as a result of preliminary survey. The whole matter is at present under joint investigation by the Special Police Establishment and the Eastern Railway.

#### SUGAR MILLS

313. **Shri Gopala Rao:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of sugar mills which worked during the 1951-52 and 1952-53 seasons;

(b) the total quantity of sugarcane crushed and sugar produced by them during the year 1952-53 and during the year 1951-52 (State-wise);

(c) the total number of days during which these mills worked in the years 1951-52 and 1952-53 (State-wise); and

(d) the total number of workers employed in these mills in 1951-52 and 1952-53 (State-wise)?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai):** (a) to (d). A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 31.]

#### OVER-BRIDGE NEAR AMRAOTI RAILWAY STATION

314. **Shri K. G. Deshmukh:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the over-bridge on the railway lines near Amraoti railway station on the Central Railway has been given second number in order of preference for construction in the year 1953-54; and

(b) if so, when the work of construction is likely to be started?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) and (b). No. The Madhya Pradesh Government placed the Amraoti Bridge fourth in the order of priority for replacement of level crossings by overbridges. The work of constructing this overbridge is proposed to be provided in the budget for the year 1954-55.

#### ACCIDENT IN SAJA PAHAD COAL MINE

315. **Shri K. G. Deshmukh:** (a) Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state whether it is a fact that an accident occurred in Saja Pahad Coal Mine in Chitmir coal area in Saraghja District of Madhya Pradesh on the 20th May, 1953?

(b) How many labourers died in this accident?

(c) Is it a fact that a number of accidents took place in the said mine during the last year?

**The Minister of Labour (Shri V. V. Giri):** (a) An accident occurred on the 15th May 1953 at Pure Chirimiri colliery in Sarguja District, which is locally called "Sajupahar" colliery.