

KRISHNA RIVER BRIDGE

*223. **Shri B. S. Murthy:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state the reasons for the delay in constructing the Road-cum-regulator bridge across the Krishna River in Andhra?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (**Shri Alagesan**): The Regulator-cum-Road bridge across the Krishna River is mainly a project of the State Government, and the Centre is concerned only with the bridge part of the structure as it lies on a National Highway. It is understood that tenders for the work have already been invited by the State Government.

Shri Nanadas: What is the amount borne by the Central Government for the bridge work?

Shri Alagesan: It is estimated at Rs. 40 lakhs.

Shri Nanadas: May I know by what time the construction will be over?

Shri Alagesan: I think the question may be directed to the Andhra Government.

RAILWAY WAGONS

*224. **Shri Anirudha Sinha:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of broad gauge and metre gauge wagons which were put on rails during the year 1953; and

(b) how many of them were of indigenous make, how many of them were purchased from abroad and how many were obtained under the foreign aid programme and from what country or countries?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (**Shri Alagesan**): (a) 6341 Broad Gauge and 943 Metre Gauge.

(b) 6564 were of indigenous make and 720 were purchased from abroad. None were obtained under the foreign aid programmes.

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Shri Anirudha Sinha: May I know the number of annual replacement requirements of wagons during the remaining period of the Plan?

Shri Alagesan: All these things have been given in the Budget papers that have been circulated. It covers the entire period and contains a large number of figures. I do not think the hon. Member would like me to go into all these details.

Shri Anirudha Sinha: By what time is the country expected to achieve self-sufficiency in wagon manufacture?

Shri Alagesan: As far as our requirements of wagons are concerned, we are now able to get all of them from indigenous manufacturers. The capacity has been increased to about 10,000.

JAPANESE METHOD OF RICE CULTIVATION

*226. **Shri Bibhuti Mishra:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the cost of production of rice per maund in Government farms (State-wise) under the Japanese Method of Paddy cultivation in 1953-54?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (**Shri M. V. Krishnappa**): The required information has been called for from the State Governments and will be placed on the Table of the House on receipt.

श्री विभूति मिश्र : क्या सरकार इस धान को किसानों को बीज के लिये दे सकती है ?

स्नाय तथा कृषि मंत्री (श्री किदवई) : धान दे तो जरूर सकती है लेकिन उस की ग्रोथ जापानी मैथड से होगी। अगर वैसे ही बोया जायेगा तो धान ज्यादा नहीं होगा।

श्री विभूति मिश्र : अगर दे सकते हैं तो किस दर से ?

श्री किदवई : बड़ा सस्ता बिकता है।

श्री विभूति मिश्र : दर क्या है ?

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. I am going to the next question.