

## TUBE-WELLS IN ANDHRA

\*228. **Shri Gadilingana Gowd:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra have selected the places for boring exploratory tube-wells allotted to the Andhra State;

(b) if so the names of those localities; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative the reasons therefor?

**The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa):**

(a) and (c). It is proposed to have about 25 exploratory tubewells in Andhra under the All India Exploration programme for 350 wells. Areas and sites for these wells will be finally selected by a Site Selection Committee consisting of representatives of the Technical Cooperation Mission, Geological Survey of India and the Ministry of Food & Agriculture in consultation with the Chief Engineer of Andhra. The Committee will be visiting Andhra in course of time.

(b) Does not arise.

**Shri Nanadas:** May I know by what time the Committee is expected to select the localities for these tube-wells?

**Shri M. V. Krishnappa:** Very soon they will be going to Andhra.

**Shri B. S. Murthy:** May I know how these tube-wells are distributed? Are they distributed on the basis of the requirements of the area, or on the basis of population?

**Shri M. V. Krishnappa:** They are distributed according to the availability of water-supply. The Committee will go there, they will have an hydrological and geological survey of Andhra carried out, and on that basis, in consultation with the Chief Engineer of Andhra, they will fix the places.

**Shri C. R. Chowdary:** May I know whether the Committee has been formed?

**Shri M. V. Krishnappa:** I have already given the names of the members of the Committee.—one representative from the Technical Cooperation Mission, one representative from the Geological Survey of India and one member from our Ministry.

**Shrimati Renu Chakravartty:** May I know if the Tube-well Exploratory Committee is only for Andhra, or is there any central committee which also goes into the priorities etc., of other Provinces?

**Shri M. V. Krishnappa:** I think the hon. Member knows that there is a project called the 'Exploratory Tube-well Project' according to which we have decided to dig in all 350 wells all over India, out of which 25 wells have been allotted to Andhra. This Committee is to go round all over India and very soon they will be going to Andhra.

**Shri Gadilingana Gowd:** Is it a fact that the Andhra State has declined to implement the scheme?

**Shri M. V. Krishnappa:** No. In fact they are very eager to invite these people and have these 25 wells dug there.

## KUMBHA MELA

\*229. **Th. Lakshman Singh Charak:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of ticketless travelling detected at the Railway stations or in the compartments during the Kumbha Mela at Allahabad; and

(b) the total expenditure incurred on construction of extra railway lines, stations, waiting halls etc. for the Mela traffic?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** (a) According to reports received so far the number of cases of ticketless