

Dehra Dun on 11th to 13th January, 1954.

(iii) Constitution of a Standing Committee of the Forestry Board which met at Datia on the 12th and 13th February, 1954.

(iv) Constitution of the Indian Board for Wild Life and its Executive Committee.

#### SHIPPING

\*245. **Shri H. N. Mukerjee:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to Shri M. A. Master's assessment that for achieving the target of shipping as laid down in the Five Year Plan, finances to the extent of Rs. 4 crores would be required; and

(b) if so, whether Government have verified the estimate and consulted the shipping concerns in the matter?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is under consideration.

#### EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGES

\*246. **Shri Keshavaiengar:** (a) Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state whether reports on staff strength are being submitted by the Government limited companies to the Employment Exchange offices concerned?

(b) Were all vacancies in these Government limited concerns being filled up through the Public Service Commission or Employment Exchanges, before they were constituted into private companies?

**The Minister of Labour (Shri V. V. Giri):** (a) No.

(b) No.

#### NATIONAL HIGHWAYS IN PUNJAB

\*247. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount spent for the development of National Highways in the State of Punjab during 1952-53;

(b) the amount allotted for 1953-54;

(c) whether Government have received any proposals for development of National Highways from the Punjab Government; and

(d) if so, what are those proposals?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) Rs. 23.88 lakhs.

(b) Rs. 28.57 lakhs.

(c) Yes.

(d) Plans and estimates for twenty-three works already included in the current five-year programme for the development of National Highways were received since the 1st April 1953. Of these, nine relate to construction of new bridges and culverts, two to construction of new roads and twelve to improvement of existing highways and bridges. The State Government have also proposed recently the inclusion of a few more works in the current five-year programme.

#### INTERNATIONAL FARM YOUTH PROGRAMME

\*248. { **Shri Anirudha Sinha:**  
**Dr. Satyawadi:**

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

(a) the number of candidates who applied for selection for live-and-work tour of U.S.A. farms under the International Farm Youth Programme;

(b) the number of applicants and those selected therefrom, State-wise; and

(c) the number of applicants selected from the Community Development project areas?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai):** (a) Nine hundred and forty-one.