

और ४३ लकड़ी की पुलियों पर नुकसान पहुँचाया। गैर-आबाद स्थानों में दो बार टेलीफोन की लाइनें बिगाड़ी गईं और एक बार रेलवे लाइन को उखाड़ने की कोशिश की गई। इस तरह जो हानि हुई उसकी मरम्मत, स्थानीय लोगों की सहायता और उनके सहयोग से, फौरन ही कर दी गई।

#### HEAVY WATER

**2298. Shri Kamath:** Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state at what cost the U.S. Government have agreed to supply heavy water to India?

**The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru):** Twenty-eight U.S. dollars per pound of heavy water *f.o.b.* plant site in U.S.A.

#### SALT

**2299. Dr. J. N. Parekh:** Will the **Minister of Production** be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps are being contemplated for developing export of salt;

(b) what Transport facility for movement of such Cargo is available;

(c) whether Shipping freight for export of Salt is in tune with other items and whether the industry can bear it; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to co-ordinate the whole thing?

**The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy):** (a) Yes.

(b) Salt is being exported mainly to Japan and the Japanese carry it in their own vessels.

(c) Representations have been received to the effect that the incidence of freight charges to Japan affects the Industry adversely.

(d) It may be stated, however that question is not clear. The question of freight charges, generally speaking is examined whenever necessary by the Ministries concerned *viz.* Ministry of Transport and Ministry of Production.

#### CENTRAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE, SERICULTURE

**2300. Shri S. M. Ghose:** Will the **Minister of Production** be pleased to state:

(a) since when the Central Research Institute, Sericulture, Berhampore, West Bengal has been taken over by the Central Government; and

(b) the total number of employees there at present?

**The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy):** (a) Since 1943.

(b) 57.

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF TRIBALS DURING FIRST FIVE YEAR PLAN

**2302. Shri Deogam:** Will the **Minister of Planning** be pleased to state:

(a) how the tribal people were assisted to develop their natural resources to improve their economic life during the First Five Year Plan period as laid down in the plan;

(b) names of authorities who were put at the helm of so assisting the tribals; and

(c) whether tribal people were given any encouragement to exploit any minerals or the forest products and if so, the details thereof?

**The Deputy Minister of Planning (Shri S. N. Mishra):** (a) During the first Plan period tribal people were assisted by (i) organising forests labour and multipurpose co-operatives and by opening grain-golas in tribal areas; (ii) setting up centres of cottage industries, training centres and arranging peripatetic demonstration-cum-training parties (iii) offering marketing facilities through emporia and exhibitions and by encouraging and developing their crafts and skills through subsidiary industries such as bee-keeping, sericulture, spinning and weaving, basket making, fruit preservation and manufacture of palm-gur; and (iv) settling them on land through colonisation schemes, pilot projects and by evolving improved methods of shifting cultivation.