

(b) Has been noted for consideration while selecting similar other lines during the Second Five Year Plan period. However in view of the funds for the construction of new lines having been drastically curtailed, the chances of construction of this line during the Second Plan period are rather remote.

Road in Tripura

375. **Shri Desaratha Deb:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representation or proposals have been received by the Government of Tripura from the people of **UTTARDEBENDRANAGAR** of Tripura to open a new motorable road from **Kawalghat Bazar** to **Mandi Bazar** via **Rajghat** and **Uttla**;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to construct motorable road from **Kawalghat** to **Mandi Bazar** via **Rajghat** and **Uttla**; and

(c) whether Government are aware that people of this locality are ready to co-operate if this task of new road construction is undertaken?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Government have no information on the point.

Artificial Insemination Centres

376. **Shri U. M. Trivedi:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1473 on the 16th April, 1956 and state:

(a) the names of the places where artificial insemination centres for cows and buffaloes have been opened;

(b) how many natural insemination centres for cows and buffaloes are working; and

(c) how many cows and buffaloes are so covered?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 20].

(b) The hon. Member presumably refers to the Key Village Centres where natural service from pedigree bulls is provided. The number of such Centres opened under the All India Key Village Scheme upto 31-3-56 is 574.

(c) 3,05,226 in Key Village Centres.

Mail Train on Khandwa-Ajmer Line

377. **Shri Balwant Sinha Mehta:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no mail or express train on the long route

of nearly 500 miles from **Khandwa** to **Ajmer**; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to start such trains on the line and when?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Yes. The distance between **Khandwa** and **Ajmer** is 393 miles and not 500 miles as stated in the question.

(b) Yes, after the works now in progress in connection with improvements in yard layouts and signalling are completed.

Anti-Malaria Health Service

378. **Shri Desaratha Deb:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) the total numbers of Class IV employees in the anti-malaria health services in Tripura State at present;

(b) the scale of pay of the Class IV employees in the anti-malaria health service branch;

(c) the scale of pay of the Class IV employees in the anti-mosquito branch; and

(d) the reasons of such difference, if any?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha when received.

Loan to Tripura

379. **Shri Desaratha Deb:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether any amount was given to the Government of Tripura for granting loan to agriculturists during the current financial year for purchasing agricultural implements and other necessary equipment;

(b) if so, the amount given; and

(c) the amount disbursed so far?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) Yes.

(b) Rupees two Lakhs.

(c) The information is being collected.

Technical Training Centres in Assam

380. **Shri Debendra Nath Sarma:** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state the names of places and number of technical training centres started in Assam during 1954-55, 1955-56 and proposed to be opened in 1956-57?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): One Technical Training Centre is functioning in Assam. No new centre has been started during 1954-55 and 1955-56. The number and location of Craftsman Training Centres to be opened during 1956 and 1957 will be decided by the State Government, with the concurrence of the Government of India.

Training under Point Four Programme

381. Shri M. K. Maltra: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of candidates from different Railways (zone-wise) who have been selected for training abroad under Point Four Programme;

(b) whether any minimum standard of qualifications has been prescribed for such selection and if so, what it is;

(c) whether the selections have been made by any Board or by Departmental Officers; and

(d) whether the advice or help of the Union Public Service Commission was sought at any stage in making these selections?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Four—one each from the Eastern, Southern, Central and Western Railways.

(b) No. The most suitable officials were selected taking into consideration their experience, special aptitude etc.

(c) The selection was made by the Technical Assistance Selection Committee set up by the Planning Committee, from a panel prepared by the Railway Board.

(d) No.

Water Supply Schemes in West Bengal

382. Shri N. B. Chowdhury: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) the amount granted to West Bengal for Water Supply Schemes for 1956-57;

(b) the amount proposed to be given to West Bengal during the Second Five Year Plan; and

(c) the amount to be spent for rural Water Supply Schemes out of the total amount under (a) and (b) above?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): (a) Rs. 38.50 lakhs will be allocated.

(b) It is proposed to allocate funds for Water Supply and Sanitation Schemes during the Second Five Year Plan on year to year basis and not as a block grant.

(c) Rs. 13.50 lakhs under (a) above.