

Central Grass Land Survey Party

*1044. **Shri I. Eacharan:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Grassland Survey Party has completed its work and submitted any report; and

(b) if so, what are the suggestions and recommendations made by them?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) No. It will take another 2-3 years to complete the survey work. The Central Grassland Survey Party has so far completed reconnaissance survey of grasslands in the Punjab (including PEPSU), Western U. P., Assam, Manipur, Delhi, Andhra, Bihar, West Bengal, Rajasthan, Madras, Mysore, a portion of Bombay, (including Saurashtra and Baroda) and the former States of Travancore-Cochin and Coorg.

(b) A summary of the suggestions and recommendations made by the Grassland Survey Party in its report for 1954-55 is laid on the Table of Lok Sabha. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 28].

राजमाता कमलकुमति शाह : क्या मैं जान सकती हूँ कि यह जो घास उगाने के स्थान है वह हर गाँव में जानवरों के चरने के वास्ते खेती की भूमि से किस अनुपात में रखे जायेंगे।

डा० पं० श० बेशमुख : यह सवाल तो घास (घास) के सर्वे (सर्वेक्षण) के बारे में है।

Bridge across Jia Bharali River

*1045. **Shri K. P. Tripathi:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to refer to Starred Question No. 1831 on the 6th September, 1956 and state:

(a) whether there has been any change since in the selection of the site of the proposed bridge across Jia Bharali river in Assam; and

(b) if so, what is the finally approved site?

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

(b) Does not arise.

Shri K. P. Tripathi: May I know if the site has not at all been selected till now?

Shri Alagesan: It has been selected.

Shri K. P. Tripathi: May I have a description of the place?

Shri Alagesan: It is two miles below the existing ferry site. This was also gone into by the State engineers. On further inspection the original selection of the site by the Additional Consulting Engineer was upheld and so it has been selected.

Shri K. P. Tripathi: May I know if it will be necessary to change the river for any length so that the bridge may stand at that place?

Shri Alagesan: Many works including training works will have to be carried out to contain the river in its course.

Shri K. P. Tripathi: When is the construction likely to be taken up?

Shri Alagesan: I think the estimates have been received only now, very recently. They have to be scrutinised. After the estimates have been finalised and approved, work will start.

Sugar Factories in Orissa

*1047. **Shri Sanganna:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new licences have been given for the establishment of new sugar factories in the State of Orissa;

(b) if so, the place of location; and

(c) whether the licences are for Co-operative Organisations or otherwise?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) Yes, Sir. One licence is being given.

(b) Aska, District Ganjam.

(c) Co-operative Organisation.

Shri Sanganna: May I know whether the question of granting new licences has been considered in the light of the recommendations made in the Karve Committee Report?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): No, Sir. We had decided to issue licences up to a certain limit. That limit has now very nearly been approached and we are issuing licences according to the policy laid down.

Shri Sanganna: May I know whether the present licence issued by the Government recently will affect the existing sugar factory and the rice production in the State?

Shri A. P. Jain: I do not know what exactly is the implication of the question. May be that certain area, now under rice,