

National Extension Service Block for Kamalpur

1108. **Shri Dasaratha Deb** : Will the Minister of **Community Development** be pleased to state :

- (a) whether National Extension Service Block has been opened for Kamalpur (Tripura) ;
- (b) if so, what is the estimated budget for the current financial year ;
- (c) the total amount spent so far ;
- (d) the progress of National Extension Service Block so far ; and
- (e) what are the concrete steps that are being taken for the direct participation of the masses in the activities of National Extension Service Block ?

The Minister of Community Development (Shri S. K. Dey) : (a) Yes.

- (b) Rs. 78,000 (Revised estimates).
- (c) Rs. 15,000 upto 30-11-1956.
- (d) This block was inaugurated in April, 1956. Due to floods, preliminary survey work was delayed and the development programme during the first six months was primarily confined to the fields of agriculture and animal husbandry. Upto 30th September, 1956, 164 maunds of improved paddy seeds were distributed, 3212 cattle were inoculated and treated, 10500 fingerlings were supplied and 48 acres of additional land were brought under fruits and vegetable cultivation. Schemes in respect of other items have also been drawn up and sanctioned.
- (e) To obtain effective participation of the people, meetings are held in the block area in which the precise role that the people can play in the development programme is explained to them.

Pirkai Chara Bridge

1109. **Shri Dasaratha Deb** : Will the Minister of **Transport** be pleased to state :

- (a) the total amount of money spent for the construction of the temporary bridge over the *Pirkai Chara* near Pirkai bazar (Tripura) ; and
- (b) the reason for not constructing *pucca* bridges in Tripura ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan) : (a) Rs. 30,000.

- (b) While timber is readily available locally, building materials for *pucca* bridges have to be imported from other States. This is why the construction of temporary bridges is being under taken to meet urgent requirements.

Jubbulpur-Itarsi Railway Line

1110. **Shri Kamath** : Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2417 on the 28th May, 1956 and state :

- (a) whether the examination of the proposal for partial doubling of Jubbulpur-Itarsi Railway Section has since been concluded ; and
- (b) if so, with what results ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan) : (a) Not yet.

- (b) Does not arise.

Exploratory Tube-wells

1111. **Shri Kamath** : Will the Minister of **Food and Agriculture** be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1505 on the 10th September, 1955 and state :

- (a) whether pump-sets have since been installed on the 13 wells mentioned therein ;
- (b) if not, on how many wells the pump-sets have been installed so far ;
- (c) when the pump-sets will be installed on the remaining wells ?

The Deputy Minister of Food (Shri M. V. Krishnappa) : (a) and (b). Pump-sets have not yet been installed on the wells mentioned.

- (c) The pumps are now expected to be received from the manufacturers by the 28th February 1957 and will be installed on the wells shortly thereafter.

Tube-wells

1112. **Shri Kamath** : Will the Minister of **Food and Agriculture** be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 866 on the 11th April, 1956 and state :

- (a) whether the pump has since been procured and installed at Silari Government Farm in Hoshangabad district ; and
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor ?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh) : (a) Not yet.

- (b) The pump has not yet been supplied by the Indian manufacturers on whom orders were placed by the Directorate-General of Supplies & Disposals. Extension of time for delivery of the pump has been granted by the Directorate General of Supplies & Disposals upto the 28th February, 1957.