

interlocking arrangements at Bhadrachellam Road station had to be completed before bringing it into use.

(b) No.

(c) The siding has already been opened for traffic on 28-9-1956.

Shri K. S. Rao: May I know whether it is a fact that the delay in opening this siding for traffic arose because the siding was not inspected by the Government Inspector of Railways personally?

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan: The delay was for the reasons which I have just read. Since the siding has already been opened, I think there should be no more controversy about it.

International Fishing Gear Congress

*523. **Shri R. P. Garg:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organisation has planned an International Fishing Gear Congress in 1957 in Hamburg; and

(b) if so, whether Government intend to send a delegation to the Congress?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) F.A.O. propose to hold such a Congress at Hamburg in 1957.

(b) The question of sending a delegation will be considered when an official invitation to participate in the Congress is received.

Shri R. P. Garg: May I know whether the Government has received the comprehensive handbook on fishing gear methods supplied by the FAO for the coming Congress?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: The handbook is not said to be quite ready. We have requested them to supply us a copy when it is ready.

Shri R. P. Garg: May I know whether we have prepared some recommendations to be made to the Congress?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: In this particular case, we are somewhat in a preliminary stage. We have not advanced very much. We have not, therefore, prepared any striking or important recommendations.

Shri Punnoose: May I know, if and when such a delegation is sent to the Congress, whether representatives of the fishermen's organisations such as fishermen's co-operatives and representatives from States like Kerala where fishing is a very important industry will be included?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: Generally speaking, we take care to see that all the relevant interests are represented, but in this particular case, I do not think it will be very useful to include representatives of the fishermen because they are not likely to have any scientific knowledge in this matter.

श्रीमती कमलेंद्रमति शाह : कुछ पहाड़ी नदियों में डाइनामाइट से बहुत सी मछलियों को मार दिया जाता है, जबकि हाथ में केवल दो चार ही जाती हैं। क्या सरकार इस तरीके क रोकने की व्यवस्था करेगी ! डा० प० श० वैशम्पुल : यह प्रश्न इससे नहीं उठता है।

Shri R. P. Garg: May I know whether there has been a substantial increase in fishing since these new methods with modern trawlers and other appliances began to be used.

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: This is also a very different question from the one which has been put down. All that I can say is that it is progressing well in this direction.

Pusa Institute

*524. **Shri Velayudhan:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the students studying in the Pusa Institute for degree course are required to pass a qualifying examination in Hindi in order to get the degree; and

(b) if so, when was this system introduced.

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) Yes, this is so in the case of students in the Central College of Agriculture under the Institute.

(b) July, 1952.

Shri Velayudhan: May I know whether students who have got first class in M. Sc. course in the Pusa Institute are not also given the degree or diploma, because they have not passed this Hindi test?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I have already stated what the position about the Hindi examination is. We stick to that position on and to the rules we have made.

Shri Velayudhan: May I know whether the Government have taken up a definite policy that only those who pass this qualifying examination in Hindi will be promoted from one class to the other in the universities and the colleges?

Dr P. S. Deshmukh: I think that is the position, Sir. Although the decision is not ours, it is made by the Delhi University which has imposed this restriction.

Shri Velayudhan: May I know whether it is not a fact that the Government of India or the Home Minister and even the Prime Minister said that any decision regarding Hindi being made a subject for the qualifying examination will be taken up only after the Languages Commission's report is finalised and decided and discussed by Parliament?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: That is a broader question.

Shri T. S. A. Chettiar: This Institute being an Institute where students from all over India are admitted, including students from non-Hindi speaking areas, is the Government aware that the students from the non-Hindi speaking areas will be put in a disadvantageous position if this qualifying examination in Hindi is imposed?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: The starting of this college was really due to the non-availability of colleges in certain areas, and so, the students from all over India were admitted, but, at the present moment, there are sufficient number of colleges in all the States, and so, the all-India character of this Central College does not very much subsist now as before.

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): I may add that the Government of India decided to hand over the Central College of Agriculture to the Delhi University. We felt that there was no need for the Government of India to maintain this college and we have decided to close it. Then, the university authorities approached me and said that they were trying to get some sort of assistance from the University Grants Commission and that they would be prepared to take over the college. It is not a matter of very great importance for us because so far as we are concerned, this college will cease to exist. It may either not continue or it may be taken over by the Delhi University.

Shri M. K. Moitra: Are instructions in the Pusa Institute given through the medium of Hindi?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: No, Sir.

Shri Ramachandra Reddi: In view of the fact that has just been disclosed that this college has not been handed over and affiliated to the Delhi University, will there be any possibility for the Government to relax the rules with regard to the compulsory pass in Hindi?

Shri A. P. Jain: This college is affiliated to the Delhi University. It is the Delhi University which grants a degree, and this rule has been laid by the Delhi University and not by us.

Shri B. S. Murthy: May I know whether any concession is shown to the students coming from the non-Hindi areas?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: That has already been put.

Shri Velayudhan: May I know whether the syllabus and the standard of the qualifying examination given in Hindi are very high even for the Hindi-speaking people? Are the Government aware of that fact?

Shri A. P. Jain: That is not so. In fact, there are certain exemptions. Exemptions are given to those who have passed the qualifying or admission examination held by the University of Delhi or who have passed the Higher Secondary Examination conducted by the Board of Higher Secondary Education, Delhi or who have passed the Intermediate Examination of an Indian university with Hindi as a subject.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Next question

Shri T. S. A. Chettiar—10.2.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Would he take upon himself to put the question or would he ask my permission?

Shri T. S. A. Chettiar: I am asking for the permission.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: That is not given.

Kottayam-Quilon Rail Link.

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*525. { **Shri C. R. Iyyanni:**
Shri Nettur P. Damodaran:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) when the work of laying the line from Kottayam to Quilon will be completed: and

(b) when the line be opened for traffic;

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) The work is expected to be completed by September 1957.

(b) It is expected to be opened for traffic in October, 1957.

Shri C. R. Iyyanni: May I know whether there is any difficulty in the construction of girders or culverts along the line?

Shri Alagesan: Yes, sir; I had occasion to answer this question before also. But, a part of the line has already been opened on the 17th of last month. The difficulty was in getting girders. Now the necessary