

persons holding such diplomas are employed in the Directorate of Extension

For Agricultural Information work the emphasis is more on an agricultural degree than on journalism. All the Information Units are, therefore, manned by agricultural graduates. The Government of India conducts Agricultural Information Workshops and Short Courses periodically to give these officers training in the processing of scientific information for presentation to the farm public in simple, attractive and acceptable language. So far, 13 such training courses have been held. Three officers were also sent abroad for training in Agricultural Journalism. Five more are proposed to be sent shortly.

रतनाम-बांसवाड़ा-डूंगरपुर रेलवे लाइन

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श्री डाक्टर.

क्या रेलवे मंत्री ०६ नवम्बर १९५७ के अनारकिल प्रश्न संख्या ८११ के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या रतनाम-बांसवाड़ा-डूंगरपुर रेलवे लाइन के सम्बन्ध में किये गये यातायात सर्वेक्षण की रिपोर्ट पश्चिम रेलवे में मिल गई है और रेलवे बोर्ड ने उस पर विचार कर लिया है,

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो उसका व्योम क्या है,

(ग) इस लाइन का निर्माण होने पर यह कितने मील लम्बी होगी,

(घ) इस लाइन के निर्माण पर कितना व्यय होने का अनुमान है, और

(ङ) निर्माण का वास्तविक कार्य कब धारम्भ किया जायेगा ?

रेलवे उपमंत्री (श्री सै० वें० रतनबाबी):

(क) और (ख) जी हाँ। सर्वेक्षण की जो

रिपोर्ट मिली है उन से पता चला है कि यह लाइन लाभप्रद नहीं होगी। इसी तरह के कुछ दूसरे सुझाव भी हैं। जिनके साथ इस पर तीव्री पञ्चवर्षीय आयोजना में विचार किया जायेगा।

(ग) लाइन की लम्बाई इस प्रकार होगी—

बड़ी लाइन	११६ १६ मील
मीटर लाइन	११६ ८७ मील

(घ) लागत का अनुमान—

बड़ी लाइन	११ ६२ करोड़ रुपये
मीटर लाइन	८ ६५ करोड़ रुपये

(ङ) ऊपर भाग (क) और (ख) के उत्तर में जो कुछ कहा गया है उसे देखने हुए मवाल नहीं उठता।

Bridge at Kumbi (Manipur)

2040. Shri L. Achaw Singh: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state

(a) whether the bridge at Kumbi on the river Khuga in Manipur is to be constructed during the Second Five Year Plan, and

(b) if so, whether sanction has been accorded for its construction?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur). (a) and (b) Preliminary investigation and collection of hydraulic data are in progress. Detailed estimate for the work will be prepared shortly and sanctioned by the Administration. The work is expected to be completed during the current Plan.

Metre-gauge Coach Factory in Tiruchirappalli

2041. { Shri S. R. Arumugham
Shri Ganapathy:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that the metre-gauge coach factory is proposed,

to be established in Tiruchirappalli on the Southern Railway;

(b) what is the approximate cost of the scheme; and

(c) the probable date of commencement?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) No.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Pepper

2042. Shri Bali Reddy: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the measures adopted so far to step up the production of pepper in various States; and

(b) the amounts allotted for the purpose to various States in 1958-59 and 1959-60?

The Deputy Minister of Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 106.]

Headquarters of N.E.S. Blocks

2043. Shri Raghubir Sahai: Will the Minister of Community Development and Co-operation be pleased to state:

(a) whether any directive or advice has been given by the Central Government to State Governments regarding the location of the headquarter of a National Extension Service Block;

(b) if so, what is its nature; and

(c) whether State Governments are acting according to it?

The Deputy Minister of Community Development and Co-operation (Shri B. S. Murthy): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) (i) The site for block headquarters should be chosen on a high level and in a centrally situated place;

(ii) There should be provision for subsequent expansion to meet further needs; and

(iii) New block headquarters should be constructed as soon as a decision regarding the formation of a block is reached.

(iv) The block headquarters should preferably be located at a place which are Mandi or Market Centres.

(v) The block should have its headquarters located as centrally as existing facility of communication would permit.

(c) Yes, these are generally being followed.

Grants for Drainage Schemes

2044. Shri Sinhasan Singh: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government gives subsidy or loan to Municipal Boards or States for drainage schemes;

(b) if so, whether this help is given direct or through the State Government concerned;

(c) what percentage of cost of drain construction is given by the Centre as subsidy or loan;

(d) whether the Gorakhpur Municipal Board has applied for loan for the construction of drains in the Municipality area; and

(e) if so, the action taken in the matter?

The Minister of Health (Shri Kar-markar): (a) to (c) The Central Government gives loans to State Governments at 100 per cent. of the approved cost of drainage schemes, who in turn give loans to the local bodies concerned in their State;

(d) Yes, the Gorakhpur Municipal Board has applied through Government of Uttar Pradesh for a loan of Rs. 63,32,900 for the construction of drains.

(e) The estimates are being scrutinized by the Central Public Health Engineering Organisation.