

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** I would like to have notice. So far as godowns are concerned, a large number have been constructed and the State Governments have been advancing money to the Cooperative Societies.

**Shri Damani:** What is the loss percentage of stocks held in the ware-houses?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** We have yet to construct ware-houses.

**Shri Radhelal Vyas:** I request that the list of places where the ware-houses will be constructed may be placed on the Table.

**Shri A. F. Jain:** We will supply that list

#### Diesel Cars

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\*788. { **Shri Bahadur Singh:**  
      **Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:**  
      **Shri Doraiswami Gounder:**

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Short Notice Question No 5 on the 23rd May, 1957 and state:

(a) whether Government have decided and if so, what are the Zones or lines considered suitable for introducing diesel locomotives;

(b) the number of diesel cars purchased during 1955 and 1956, and

(c) their allotments zone-wise?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan):** (a) Yes The Sections considered suitable for introducing the diesel electric locomotives are:—

- (i) Gomoh-Gaya and Gaya-Dhanbad Sections of Eastern Railway
  - (ii) Asansol-Anara-Rourkela and Raj Kharsawan-Bara Janda Sections of South-Eastern Railway.
- (b) 24 Broad Gauge Diesel Rail Cars.
- (c) Northern Railway—12  
Southern Railway—12

**Shri Bahadur Singh:** May I know the total mileage proposed to be covered by this dieselisation?

**Shri Shah Nawaz Khan:** I do not have the exact figures.

**Shri Bahadur Singh:** May I know the total amount spent on the purchase of the diesel cars and the countries from which these were purchased?

**Shri Shah Nawaz Khan:** Recently we have purchased 20 diesel hydraulic shunting locos, 400 H.P. at £ 19,500 each supplied by Messrs. Kraussmaffel of West Germany and they are in use in Bombay area and another 10 of the same specification and supplied by the same firm are in use in Delhi. There are some more at other places in the metre-gauge and narrow-gauge.

**Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** May I know when dieselisation of the track between Howrah and Nagpur will be done?

**Shri Shah Nawaz Khan:** I could not give him any date off hand

**Shri B. S. Murthy:** Where will these 12 diesel cars be used in the Southern Railway?

**Shri Shah Nawaz Khan:** It is up to the Southern Railway to decide it

**Shri Sinhasan Singh:** May I know if the diesel engines are costlier than the coal engines and if so, what considerations led the Government to go in for dieselisation? Was any expert committee appointed by the Government which recommended that we can go in for dieselisation especially when the country is producing enough coal and coal engines which run cheaper?

**Shri Shah Nawaz Khan:** It is true that the diesel locomotives are more expensive than steam locomotives. But a saturation point has been reached by steam tractions in certain areas and we have to use either diesel locomotives or electric locomotives there. Besides, there is water difficulty in certain sections and the water that is available in some places is a hard type of water which spoils the boilers. So, we have to use diesel locomotives in such places.

**Shri Sankaran Singh:** What about the other part of my question—expert committee recommendation?

**The Minister of Railways (Shri Jagjivan Ram):** All these questions are decided by experts and not by laymen

**Shri Tangamani:** The hon Minister has said that 12 diesel cars have been allotted to the Southern Railway out of the 24 purchased during 1955-56 May I know how many diesel cars are now run in the Southern Railway?

**Shri Shah Nawaz Khan:** I shall require notice for that.

#### Deep-Sea Fishing

\*789. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether Indian waters were recently surveyed for carrying on deep sea fishing activities,

(b) if so, whether there is any possibility of the existence of good deep-sea fishing areas in Indian waters, and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to promote deep-sea fishing in the Indian waters?

**The Deputy Minister of Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa):** (a) and

(b) Yes

(c) It is proposed to establish additional off shore fishing units at Cochin, Tuticorin and Visakhapatnam. The Second Five Year Plan includes proposals for providing facilities for landing, storage and transport. Encouragement is given for establishment of Indian fishing companies.

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** May I know whether there is any proposal to extend the area of fishing operations beyond the six mile range off the coast?

**Shri M. V. Krishnappa:** Deep-sea fishing is only in the seas beyond the six mile territorial and off-shore waters. We have started from Saurashtra Coast and Kutch and we have come up to Bombay. The whole area has been surveyed now. Fishing grounds have been located, seasons

and currents have been determined. A map has been prepared and all details relating to this area are now available. Now, we are trying to explore the other areas starting from Cochin and we intend to go this way to the east coast.

**Shri Wodeyar:** May I know whether there was any survey made in the western coast and, if so, in what areas in Mysore State there is a possibility of the existence of good deep-sea fishing?

**Shri M. V. Krishnappa:** An Expert by name Shri Ilugason went there and surveyed the areas near Mangalore. He has come to the conclusion that the Kanara coast starting from *Kozhikode up to Mangalore is very rich in prawns*, it is just a mine and we can get any amount of fish from there.

**Shri V. P. Nayar:** In view of the fact that fishing boats belonging to other countries are operating in India's extra-territorial waters, may I know whether there has been any agreement between the neighbouring countries of Ceylon and Pakistan in regard to the protection of territorial waters and development of fisheries?

**Shri M. V. Krishnappa:** Our regulation is generally limited to six miles from the coast. Bengal six miles on the high seas according to the international law any nation can go and fish. In India it is six miles, whereas in other countries it is less than six miles. In fact, the Japanese fishermen are asking that the regulation up to six miles area should be reduced.

**Shri A. C. Guha:** Will the hon Minister be pleased to enquire to what use the trawlers given by the Central Government to West Bengal for deep-sea fishing are being put to? This is particularly important in view of the very high price of fish prevailing in Calcutta market at present.

**Shri M. V. Krishnappa:** Only yesterday I read in the papers that fish is being sold in Calcutta at Rs 3½/- or Rs 4/- a seer, especially the Hilsa fish very much liked by Bengalis. This season it is very highly priced.