

- (3) Travancore-Cochin Rs. 1,454
 (4) Madhya Pradesh Rs. Nil
 (5) Madras Rs. 2,965.

Madhya Pradesh has joined the scheme from 1-4-53 only.

Shri Madiah Gowda: May I know whether the production of match-wood is sufficient for the country's consumption?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: This I could not say; I have got information only as to what we are doing.

Shri Badshah Gupta: May I know, Sir, the areas in U.P. in which match-wood cultivation is being carried on?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: It is 1452 acres under the scheme, Sir.

SURVEY OF GROUND WATER RESOURCES

*1903. **Shri Buchhikotalah:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether and if so, how many American Experts have been or are expected to be invited under the Technical Co-operation Agreement for the survey of India's Ground water resources;

(b) how long they will stay;

(c) the total amount of money to be spent on them; and

(d) whether the work is to be carried on by Indian or foreign contractors?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) Yes. Two.

(b) Nearly three years.

(c) About Rs. 27,000/-.

(d) Tenders will shortly be invited for the purpose and the work will be entrusted to the lowest reliable tenderers who have necessary experience and resources to undertake the work.

Shri Buchhikotalah: Up till now what is the progress of the work carried on by foreign experts?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: Sir, the whole agreement has been placed on the Table of the House. So far as the digging of the wells is concerned, there will be no expert employed. The experts will be employed only for survey. The Agreement was signed recently and the work has yet to commence.

Shri Buchhikotalah: What are the measures adopted by the Government in this field to enthuse national talents?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: So far as tube-wells are concerned, Sir, I do not think there is any need for the enthusing of people.

Shri Meghnad Saha: What happened to the labours of the Paniwala Maharaj?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: That has been dealt with some time back, Sir. I had already given a detailed reply.

Shri K. K. Basu: May I know whether any Indian scientists with geological knowledge are associated with these foreign experts?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: Sir, we have tried to utilise available scientists in India. So far as association is concerned I am not sure, but I expect there would be.

U. S. TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION AID

*1905. **Shri Buchhikotalah:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have signed three Operational Agreements with the U.S.A. under U.S. Technical Co-operation Aid in April, 1953 for the construction of 650 additional tube-wells in Punjab and Uttar Pradesh etc.;

(b) if so, whether a copy of the Agreement will be placed on the Table of the House; and

(c) whether any American experts will be invited for the operation of the Agreements?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) No. Only one supplementary Agreement to Operational Agreement No. 6 has been signed on 20th April, 1953 for the construction of 650 tube-wells in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Punjab States in addition to the 2,000 tube-wells provided in the main Agreement.

(b) Yes. A copy of the Agreement is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix XI, annexure No. 26.]

(c) No.

RAILWAY SIDINGS

*1906. **Shri Deogam:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some parties had requested for permission to construct sidings at their own cost for loading of iron ore at Badampahar and Kuldihia on the ex-B.N. Railway during the period 1949-52;

(b) whether it is a fact that this was turned down;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government thereafter constructed sidings at the above stations mainly for loading of iron ore;

(d) the amount spent on construction of sidings at Badampahar and Kuldihā; and

(e) the names of the mine-owners whose iron ore is loaded along with tonnage that was loaded during the year 1952 by each mine-owner, separately at each of the stations referred to in part (a) above?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes.

(d) BadampaharRs. 86,726/-
Kuldihā Rs. 1,33,382/-.

(e) A statement showing the tonnage of iron ore despatched by each consignor from these stations during 1952 is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix XI, annexure No. 27.]

श्री देवगम : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि दरखवास्तकारियों को अपने खर्च से साइडिंग बनाने की परमिशन क्यों नहीं दी गई ?

श्री शाहनवाज़ खाँ : जिस वक़्त उन्होंने यह पेशकश की थी, उस वक़्त वहाँ हमारे पास बह आइरन और तोलने के लिए बंदोबस्त नहीं था, इसलिए उसको कबूल नहीं किया ।

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

ACCIDENT AT BRIDGE OVER TIDDING RIVER

*1872. **Shri Gohain:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an accident occurred last year at the suspension bridge over Tidding river on L.V. Road in Mishni Hills District;

(b) what were the causes of the accident;

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(c) how many lives, if any, were lost and how many persons injured as a result of the accident;

(d) whether the affected persons were on duty and if so, whether compensation has been paid to the injured persons and families of the dead; and

(e) whether steps have been taken to prevent such accidents in future?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) Yes.

(b) Overloading due to a number of persons rushing across the bridge which was nearing completion.

(c) Three dead and nine injured.

(d) The affected persons were on duty and compassionate grants have been awarded.

(e) Yes.

RECRUITMENT FOR AERONAUTICAL TRAINING

*1879. **Shri Vittal Rao:** (a) Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Indian National Airways Ltd., recruit youngmen for training in aeronautical training?

(b) If so, what are the terms of this recruitment?

(c) How many youngmen have so far been trained by the Company since 1947 (year-wise)?

(d) What is the syllabus of theoretical and practical instructions given to these trainees?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) I lay on the Table of the House copies of the standard forms of agreements to be executed by trainees which set out the terms of recruitment in respect of Pilots and Traffic and Operations Clerks. [Copy placed in the Library. See No. S-65/53.]

Apprentice mechanics are paid Rs. 25/- as pocket money during their training period lasting for 2 to 3 years.

(c) I lay on the Table a statement giving the required information. [See Appendix XI, annexure No. 28.]

(d) The pilot trainees are given 300 hours of flying experience as co-pilots to enable them to undergo the Dakota endorsement course at the Civil Aviation Training Centre, Allahabad, for