

PARLAKIMEDI LIGHT RAILWAY

*2162. **Shri Sanganna:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that at the time of laying new rails on the Parlakimedi Light Railway line recently, many old level-crossings have been removed which is causing difficulties to the public; and

(b) if so, will Government suitably locate them so as to remove the inconvenience caused to the public?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) and (b). No level crossings have been removed recently.

Shri Sanganna: May I know the factors that are taken into consideration for constructing level-crossings?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): This is an old line that is being restored. All the old level-crossings are being retained.

WARE-HOUSES FOR TOBACCO IN ORISSA

*2164. **Shri Sanganna:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the number of Government ware-houses and the number of private ware-houses opened for the storage of tobacco in each district of Orissa State?

(b) What alternative arrangements have been made by Government in the areas where there are neither Government nor private ware-houses?

(c) Are Government aware that tobacco growers have been unnecessarily taxed where there are no ware-houses?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) A statement is placed on the Table of the House.

(b) Storage of cured tobacco in bonded store-rooms on the premises of the curers is permitted under the Central Excise Rules.

(c) No.

STATEMENT

The number of Tobacco Warehouses in Orissa.

(i) Government Warehouses in Orissa.....	Nil.
(ii) Private Bonded Warehouses. Cuttack Circle (comprising Districts of Balasore, Cuttack, Dhenkanal, Keonjhar and Mayurbhanj.	31.

Jeypore Circle (comprising Distts. of Koraput and Kalahandi.

Berhampore Circle (comprising Distts. of Ganjam, Puri and Phulbani).

Sambalpur Circle (comprising Distts. of Sambalpur, Bo'angir, Patna and Sundar-Garh).

Districts-wise figures are not readily available.

Shri Sanganna: May I know, Sir, the conditions to be fulfilled for opening of ware-houses?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I would like to have notice of that Question.

मलेरिया निरोधक योजना

*२१६५. श्री विभूति मिश्र : स्वास्थ्य मंत्री बतलाने की कृपा करेंगी कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को ज्ञात है कि बिहार सरकार ने अपनी पंच वर्षीय योजना में मलेरिया को हटाने के लिये कोई व्यवस्था की है ; तथा

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके लिये योजना में कौन कौन से स्थानों को शामिल किया गया है ?

The Deputy Minister of Health (Shrimati Chandrasekhar): (a) and (b). The information has been called for from the Government of Bihar and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

Shri S. N. Das: In view of the fact that a similar answer was given to my question on this subject.....

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: When?

Shri S. N. Das: Some 10 or 15 days back, a similar answer was given that information is being collected on this point. I would like to know how long Government would take to collect this information.

Shrimati Chandrasekhar: We have been sending reminders. Even when this question was received, we have sent a reminder, but we have not received the information.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Therefore, hon. Members must ask their counterparts in Bihar Assembly.

Shri S. N. Das: In view of the fact that the Central Government is going to contribute a huge amount, it is necessary for us to know the information.

Shrimati Chandrasekhar: I can give the informal figures that we have collected from the Planning Commission. There is an amount of Rs. 6.3 lakhs including Rs. 1.25 lakhs for 1951-52, and Rs. 1.63 lakhs for 1952-53 that has been set apart under the Five Year Plan.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Why should this question be asked? I do not know how it crept in. Hon. Members will kindly see from the Bihar reports.

श्री विभूति मिश्र : मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि बिहार में मलेरिया से कितने आदमी मरते हैं ?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Information is being gathered from the Bihar Government. That is what was said.

DISTRESS IN TEHRI-GARHWAL

*2166. **Shrimati Kamlendu Mati Shah:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that on account of the complete failure of crops due to failure of rain there is distress among the inhabitants of Tehri-Garhwal;

(b) whether the Government of Uttar Pradesh have asked the Government of India for aid in the matter; and

(c) if the answers to parts (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative, what steps Government have so far taken or propose to take in the matter?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) Some press reports about the scarcity conditions prevailing in Tehri-Garhwal, have come to the notice of the Government. The State Government are making enquiries.

(b) and (c). The question does not arise.

Shrimati Kamlendu Mati Shah: Is it possible that the grain can be distributed free or on loan there as the people there have no purchasing power?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: That may be so, but we have not received any reports.

AIR SERVICE BETWEEN BOMBAY AND AURANGABAD

*2167. **Shri H. G. Vaishnav:** (a) Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state the reasons for discontinuing the Air service between Bombay and Aurangabad from 1st April, 1953?

(b) Are there any prospects of re-introducing the same in the near future?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) The traffic over this route is mainly tourist and seasonal, lasting only for about six months of the year. The service was discontinued, when there was a fall in traffic.

(b) The nationalised corporation will consider the possibility of resuming the service if there is an adequate demand for it.

Shri H. G. Vaishnav: Was it profitable as long as it was running?

Shri Raj Bahadur: We were getting on an average an utilization of 27 per cent. of the capacity only. Therefore, we cannot say it was satisfactory from the economic point of view.

Shri H. G. Vaishnav: Is there any proposal to have air services between Bombay and Hyderabad which may halt at Aurangabad?

Shri Raj Bahadur: This will be considered by the nationalised corporation.

Shri Heda: What was the average number of passengers between Bombay and Aurangabad?

Shri Raj Bahadur: I am sorry I will not be able to give that. I can give the percentage of the traffic.

ACCIDENT IN LAXMI PRASAD MICA MINES

*2170. **Shri Nanadas:** (a) Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state whether it is a fact that there was an accident in Laxmi Prasad Mica Mines near Gudur on the 23rd April, 1953 resulting in injuries to three workers?

(b) If so, what are the reasons for the accident?

(c) What steps are being taken for the payment of compensation to the injured workers?

The Minister of Labour (Shri V. V. Giri): (a) Yes; four workers were injured in the accident.