

(c) and (d). No one was killed. Six persons received injuries; the injuries to two of them were grievous.

Shri Raghavaiah: Is this train accident the result of the running of the Pacific engines in this country?

Shri Alagesan: The provisional finding of the Inspector who has gone into this matter is that the accident was due to the failure of mechanical equipment, namely breakage of the axle of a wagon due to defective metal. That is the provisional finding.

Shri Raghavaiah: Is it not a fact that in the last Budget session the Minister of Railways categorically stated in his speech that it is as a result of the Pacific engines that many railway accidents are taking place in this country?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: He said that the future accidents will also be due to Pacific engines?

Shri Raghavaiah: In the last Budget session he stated that it is as a result of these engines ...

Shri Alagesan: As I have stated, Sir, the accident was due to the breakage of the axle of a wagon; it is not due to any engine.

NATIONAL TRAINING WITHIN INDUSTRIES PROGRAMME

***144. Shri Bansal:** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering the institution of a National Training within Industries Programme for India; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken in that direction?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) Yes, but no final decision in the matter has been taken.

(b) The Government of India have requested the I.L.O. to make available the services of two foreign experts on Training within Industry for a period of one year. The experts will hold Training within Industries institutes in the country and prepare plans for the organisation of a national Training within Industries programme.

Shri Bansal: What is the response from the I. L. O.?

Shri Abid Ali: We have written to the I. L. O., but have not received any reply as yet.

FOOD SCARCITY IN BIKANER DIVISION OF RAJASTHAN

***145. Shri Kasliwal:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to scarcity conditions prevailing in the Bikaner Division of Rajasthan; and

(b) what steps have been taken to alleviate these conditions?

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

(b) The State Government, who are primarily concerned, are providing relief to the people by means of following measures:

1. Relief works such as construction of Pucca wells and Kutcha tanks for storage of water for drinking purposes, construction of roads, etc.

2. Arrangements to provide drinking water.

3. Conservation of cattle.

4. Gratuitous relief.

5. Taccavi loans.

Shri Kasliwal: How many villages, aggregating how much population, are affected?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I have got the names of the tehsils. In District Bikaner, all tehsils. In District Ganganagar, Suratgarh, Hanumangarh, Nohar and Bhadra. In District Chura, Taranagar, Sardarsher, Rajgarh and Dungeergarh.

I have also got the figures of expenditure, if he wants.

Shri Balwant Sinha Mehta: May I know whether there is any scarcity of fodder and drinking water also?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: Yes.

Shri Balwant Sinha Mehta: Which part is mostly affected?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I have mentioned the various areas.

Shri Morarka: May I know whether any help is given by the Central Government and, if so, in what form and to what extent?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: A request has been received from the State Government and the matter is under consideration.