

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** Yes, we have calculated the approximate cost that will be incurred. We have also taken into account what will be the yield and this should be, according to our calculations, greater, and there will be a net profit of at least Rs. 40 per acre.

**Shri G. P. Sinha:** In view of the fact that it is a ten years' lease granted by the Kashmir Government, when the land is returned after ten years, will the Central Government claim some compensation because the land has been reclaimed?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** The whole thing has been worked out. This is a specific agreement. No compensation is to be paid. If there are any permanent buildings the Kashmir Government will pay. The other things will be removed.

**Dr. Suresh Chandra:** Do Government propose to start more mechanised farms in other parts of the country?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** If similar suitable circumstances are available Government do propose to have them.

**Shri Gopala Rao:** May I know why that particular area was selected? Were there any special reasons for it?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** There is more than one reason why that particular area was chosen. First and foremost, it is very good land. Secondly there are canal irrigation facilities available. It is a big block of land where we thought seed production would be highly useful to the country.

**Shri M. L. Dwivedi rose—**

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** Ordinarily I allow three to five supplementary questions. But as it is the supplementary questions are blocking the other main questions. If the hon. Member was so anxious why should he not table a question himself originally?

NADIAD-KAPADVANJI RAILWAY LINE

\*904. **Shri Dabhi:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the year in which the narrow gauge Nadiad Kapadvanj Railway was constructed;

(b) the total cost of constructing this Railway;

(c) whether it is a fact that the railings as well as the rolling stock on this line have become overaged and require replacement; and

(d) if the answer to part (c) above be in the affirmative, what steps Government propose to take in the matter?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) 1913.

(b) Rs. 16,25,127.

(c) and (d). The rails were laid in 1913 and are still fit for speeds of 20 miles per hour.

Of the 5 locomotives working, 2 are to be replaced by I. R. S. locomotives. The other 3 are not normally due replacement for another 8 years.

Of the 9 carriages due for replacement, 5 will be replaced during the next 3 months and the remaining 4 will be replaced during 1953-54.

Wagons are only replaced when their condition warrants it. 70 new wagons are expected to be placed on the line shortly.

**Shri Dabhi:** May I know whether Government is examining the question of converting this line into a broad gauge one, with a view to joining it with the broad gauge at Nadiad?

**Shri Alagesan:** No, Sir.

**Shri Dabhi:** Is it a fact that the joint Director of Civil Engineering, Railway Board, has written to the Railway Passengers' Association that the question of conversion of this line into a broad gauge one has been referred to the General Manager, Western Railway?

**Shri Alagesan:** I would like to have notice of that question.

**Shri Dabhi:** May I know whether a portion of this line was constructed as early as the year 1886 with the result that the speed of trains on it is considerably reduced?

**Shri Alagesan:** It was laid, Sir, in the year 1913. That is the answer I have given to part (a) of the question.

CENTRAL FERTILIZER POOL

\*905. **Shri V. P. Nayar:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state what is the total quantity of fertilizers which the Travancore-Cochin Government will get from the Central Fertilizer Pool during the year 1953?

(b) What was the total quantity of ammonium sulphate produced in the Fertilizer Factory at Alwaye, in Travancore-Cochin, during the year 1952, and what is the total estimated output for 1953?

**The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh):** (a) The Travancore-Cochin Government have asked for 6,200 tons of sulphate of ammonia and their requirements will be met in full.

(b) 20,142 tons of sulphate of ammonia were produced during the year 1952. The total estimated output for 1953, according to the factory, is of the order of 42,000 tons.

**Shri V. P. Nayar:** May I know whether, in making the allotment, the Government of India will enquire from the Travancore-Cochin Government as to the increased production of food-grains on account of the use of ammonium sulphate?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** We have some idea; but if the hon. Member wants me to enquire, I shall.

**Shri V. P. Nayar:** May I know whether in fixing the quota to be given to Travancore-Cochin Government, this Government has enquired into the actual results of using the manure?

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** There is the Travancore-Cochin Government. It only wants 6,200 tons. Is that Government such a child as to be constantly told as to ask for more? We are under the impression that there is no Government in any other part of the country and we alone must take charge of every piece of country.

**Shri Nambiar:** May I know, Sir, whether there are large quantities of stocks in the fertiliser factories, including the one at Alwaye?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** It is true; because of the high prices ruling a good deal of stock is lying. But we expect to utilise the whole lot.

**Shri P. T. Chacko:** Can the entire allotment to the Travancore-Cochin Government be made from the ammonium sulphate produced at the Alwaye factory?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** In all probability, Sir; but at the present moment I could not say.

**Shri Matthen:** Is the hon. Minister aware that production in Travancore-Cochin was impeded last year for dearth of sulphur and has he made arrangements for adequate supply of it?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** I could not say, Sir.

**Shri V. P. Nayar:** May I know whether Government are aware that in the distribution of ammonium sul-

phate, there is considerable black-marketing in the Travancore-Cochin State and may I also know whether the Government of India is taking any steps in this matter?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** There is no likelihood of any black-marketing, because we have not been in short supply. The black-market will arise only if we are in short supply. Last year we had considerable stocks and this year also our stocks are more or less sufficient.

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** Let us not cast aspersions on anybody.

**Shri N. Sreekantan Nair:** May I know whether it is a fact that instead of distributing ammonium sulphate through Government agricultural farms the Travancore-Cochin Government have now handed over the job to a private agency which dilutes and adulterates the fertiliser and sells it at a higher price, without allowing any credit facilities to the farmers?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** I have not heard any complaints to that effect.

**Shri Kelappan:** May I know, Sir, how the price of indigenous fertilisers compares with the price of the imported stuff?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** The price of the imported fertiliser was lower; but as the House is aware we have reduced the prices very considerably as against last year's prices by Rs. 75 per ton and there is likely to be a further reduction of Rs. 15 on account of freight and other things.

#### CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS IN KUTCH

\*906, **Shri Jasani:** (a) Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state the total mileage of road constructed in Kutch State from 1948 up-to-date?

(b) How much private land was acquired for this purpose and how much compensation will be paid for that?

(c) Has any compensation been paid, if so, how much and what amount still remains to be paid?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) 367 miles approximately.

(b) 5,000 acres. The estimated amount of compensation payable is Rs. 2.5 lakhs.

(c) The Local Administration is taking steps for the payment of the compensation.