

were combined and Andhra areas were included in the proposals.

**Shri B. S. Murthy:** May I know, Sir, whether the newly-formed Andhra State has asked the Central Government for any aid for minor irrigation projects?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** Not yet, Sir. They have been called for.

**Shri C. R. Chowdary:** May I know, Sir, whether any instructions were issued that a general survey of minor irrigation projects in the Andhra State be conducted in the near future?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** Sir, I am contemplating to address the Andhra Government so far as this is concerned.

**Mr. Speaker:** I am afraid it is too early.

#### AID TO MADRAS STATE

\*63. **Shri C. R. Chowdary:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state what amounts of loan and grant have been given to the Madras State under the "Grow More Food" Scheme since the 1st April, 1953?

(b) How much out of it has been allocated to the Andhra State and on what schemes?

(c) What amount out of the grant allocated to works in the Andhra State stands unspent at present?

(d) How much of the amount went to aid private-owned projects such as irrigation wells and tanks under the "Grow More Food Campaign"?

**The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh):** (a) Up to 15th October 1953, the amounts sanctioned are—Loans Rs. 43,00,810 and Grants Rs. 23,49,451.

(b) to (d). The information has been called for from the Government of Andhra and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

#### COAL CESS

\*64. **Shri Soren:** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to refer to the ans-

wer given to unstarred question No. 198 on the 11th August, 1953 and state:

(a) the amount spent by the Central Government out of the cess collected by the Central Government for the welfare of the coal mine labourers: and

(b) whether the amount of the Bihar Government's collection of local cess are available now and if so, how much it is?

**The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali):** (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House in due course.

#### COURTESY WEEK

\*65. **Shri Bhagwat Jha:** (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Railwaymen observed a courtesy week in October 1953?

(b) If so, what were the main features of this week?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan):** (a) Yes. A courtesy week was observed from 2nd October 1953 to 8th October 1953.

(b) An all-out campaign was launched on the railways for educating the staff in the habit of courteous behaviour towards the public by (i) distribution of posters and folders in English as well as in regional languages, (ii) special courtesy lectures to staff, (iii) special watch over the conduct of staff at important stations during busy hours, (iv) publicity by loudspeakers and (v) in local press.

**Shri Bhagwat Jha:** May I know, Sir, if this 'courtesy week' applies to those ticket checkers also who in the wake of the disappointment of 'Give me money and no ticket' campaign, push the innocent villagers out of the train?

**Mr. Speaker:** Has he any other question to put?

**Shri Bhagwat Jha:** There are many, but they won't reply.