

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I think it falls outside the present question.

Shri Rishang Keishing: May I have an idea as to the forest policy of the Government?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I would require notice of the question.

INTERNATIONAL FARM YOUTH PROGRAMME

***2071. Shri Janardhan Reddy:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the reply given to starred question No. 248 asked on the 22nd February, 1954 regarding International Farm Youth Programme and state:

(a) how many candidates have been selected for study and training in USA; and

(b) whether these candidates are selected on a State-wise basis?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) Twenty-five.

(b) No.

Shri Janardhan Reddy: May I know the type of training that they will get?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: There is no idea of training as such. The Four-H Club in the U.S.A. which is organising interchange of young farmers from various countries invites certain number of young farmers, and it is under that scheme that these young farmers will go and visit the country and live with the farmer families and try to learn the American ways and also explain to them the Indian agricultural situation and Indian conditions.

Shri Janardhan Reddy: May I know who will bear the expenses over these boys?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: The whole expenditure is being borne by the Four-H Clubs.

Shri Raghuramaiah: May I know whether under this programme, in India we have to receive some American farm youths, and whether any have come or are expected to come?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: Not as a condition precedent but as a gesture of mutual goodwill we received nine young men last year.

Shri Janardhan Reddy: May I know whether there is any proposal for sending some of our youths to any other country—China, Japan?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: There has not been any specific offer. We will be very glad to consider if there is one.

Shri N. Rachiah: May I know the basis on which these candidates are selected, and if there is any Scheduled Caste candidate?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: In any case, communal considerations are not the basis of these selections.

Shri N. Rachiah: It is not a question of communal considerations.....

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. Next question.

BOMBAY-POONA NATIONAL HIGHWAY

***2073. Shri Y. M. Mukne:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to construct diversions on the Bombay-Poona National Highway No. 4 where it passes through the villages of Chawk, Khopoli, Kamsheth and Vadgaon; and

(b) if so, when the work will be undertaken?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) and (b). It is proposed to construct diversions near Khopoli and Kamsheth villages and provision for necessary surveys has been made in the current five year programme. The question of construction will be considered after the results of the surveys are known. There is for the present no proposal for the construction of diversions at Chawk and Vadgaon villages.

Shri Y. M. Mukne: May I know whether Government have any figures as to the number of accidents that took place in these villages and how many accidents have been fatal each year?

Shri Alagesan: I do not have the figures for these places.

Mr. Speaker: He has not got the figures. Next question.

FILM ON 'ROAD SENSE'

*2075. **Shri Raghbir Sahai:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to produce a film on 'Road Sense';

(b) if so, the progress made so far;

(c) whether any statistics of accidents of motor vehicles have been collected; and

(d) if so, the total number of road accidents in 1950-51, 1951-52 and 1952-53?

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

(b) The film is expected to be ready for release by the end of June 1954.

(c) Statistics relating to accidents involving motor vehicles are being collected on quarterly basis through the State Governments.

(d) A statement giving the available information is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IX, annexure No. 4.]

Shri Raghbir Sahai: May I know which agency has been entrusted with the work of producing such a film and what amount has been sanctioned for expenditure so far?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: The Films Division of the Government of India.

Mr. Speaker: He wants to know the amount also.

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: I have no idea.

Shri Raghbir Sahai: May I know if the producers of the film have been asked to bear in mind the large number of rural population in the country who have no road sense at all and in whom road sense has to be created?

Shri N. M. Lingam: May I know whether Government have examined how far the unsatisfactory conditions of the roads such as narrow width, sharp bends, etc., have contributed to the number of accidents?

Mr. Speaker: I do not think that will arise out of the main question.

Dr. Suresh Chandra: Apart from these films, may I know what other methods do Government propose to create road sense among people who are without sense?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: I do not know whether the Government can invent anything which can put sense into the minds of people who have no sense.

Dr. Suresh Chandra: He has taken it in a light way. My question was.....

Mr. Speaker: The question was perhaps put in a lighter vein! We shall proceed to the next question.

THEFT OF POSTAL BAGS

*2077. **Shri Gidwani:** (a) Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state whether it is a fact that a number of postal bags containing insured articles and registered parcels were stolen from the Mail Van of Madras Mail between Dadar and Kalyan Stations on the 6th April, 1954?

(b) If so, what was the total loss?

(c) What were the findings of the enquiry?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes, but the incident occurred on the 5th April, and not on the 6th April, 1954.

(b) Rs. 542-6-0 on account of loss of insured parcels.

(c) Enquiry is still in progress, and no findings have yet been arrived at.

Shri Gidwani: May I know whether the culprits have been apprehended and the articles recovered?

Shri Raj Bahadur: So far as I know, the enquiry is still in progress. We