

Shrimati Chandrasekhar: I am not aware of any such representation or report.

LIGHT-HOUSES

***2156. Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to construct some new light-houses in India; and

(b) if so, how many and at what cost?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) and (b). Yes. The Development Plan on which the Central Lighthouse Department is working envisages the construction of about 100 aids to navigation at a total estimated cost of about Rs. 4 crores. A statement showing the works included in this Plan is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IX, annexure No. 19.]

It is expected that out of these, works costing about Rs. 2 crores will be completed during the Five Year Plan period.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: May I know how many of the proposed light houses, estimates for which have been given in the statement, are proposed to be constructed during this year?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: In the list about 100 aids to navigation have been mentioned. The complete list is on the Table of the House.

Mr. Speaker: He wants to know how many of these are likely to be completed during the course of the year 1954-55.

Shri Alagesan: It is a long list.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Minister is not able to give them.

FLOOD RELIEF WORKS IN MANIPUR

***2158. Shri Rishang Keishing:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have sanctioned Rs. 1,48,000

to Manipur for relief works in areas affected by heavy floods last year;

(b) the number of people affected by the floods;

(c) whether Government have drawn up any scheme of relief works; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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

(b) Nearly 30,000.

(c) Yes.

(d) A statement indicating relief works proposed to be taken up during 1954-55 is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IX, annexure No. 20.]

Shri Rishang Keishing: May I know if any Relief Work Committee has been formed by the public and if so, whether Government has consulted that Committee in drafting these schemes?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I require notice.

Shri Rishang Keishing: Do Government propose to finish the execution of the schemes before the next rainy season sets in?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: The provision made is for the year 1954-55 and I think it is reasonable to expect that it will be spent during the course of the year.

Shri Rishang Keishing: Apart from the various schemes mentioned in the statement, may I know if Government is contemplating to undertake some permanent measures to control floods in Manipur?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I do not see that there is any proposal of that nature for the moment before the Government.

B. C. G. VACCINATION

***2159. Dr. Natabar Pandey:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state how many people were B.C.G. vaccinated in 1953 in Orissa?

The Deputy Minister of Health (Shrimati Chandrasekhar): 63,691 persons were B.C.G. vaccinated in Orissa in 1953.

Dr. Natabar Pandey: May I know whether any special arrangements have been made to get people B.C.G. vaccinated in the T.B. Sanitorium in Kalahandi District?

Shrimati Chandrasekhar: In the State of Orissa B.C.G. vaccination was introduced only in October 1953. I have already given the number. That is all that I can say about the number of persons B.C.G. vaccinated and tuberculin tested.

Dr. Natabar Pandey: Can the figures in regard to the State district-wise be given?

Shrimati Chandrasekhar: I have not got the break-up of figures.

Pandit D. N. Tiwary: In view of the increasing incidence of T.B. in the country, how long will it take for the Government to vaccinate the entire population with B.C.G.?

Shrimati Chandrasekhar: I would require notice.

JAPANESE METHOD OF RICE CULTIVATION

*2160. **Shri Sanganna:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the State Governments have been asked to intensify the Japanese method of paddy cultivation during the next season; and

(b) the acreage of land expected to be brought under cultivation thereby?

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

(b) A statement indicating the targets fixed for each State for 1954 is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IX, annexure No. 21.]

Shri Sanganna: May I know whether it is intended to bring the entire country under the Japanese method of cultivation?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: That would not be very easy and may create problems of surplus and aggravate the present situation. Government have no present intention of doing that.

सेठ गोविन्द दास : क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार इस सम्बन्ध में कुछ रुपया प्रान्तीय सरकारों को देने का इरादा रखती है जो सिर्फ इसी काम में खर्च हो और दूसरे काम में खर्च न हो ?

डा० पी० एस० देशमुख : इस में हम खाली दो तीन तरह की मदद करते हैं, एक तो जो हमारे पास पब्लिसिटी मैटीरियल है वह काफी तादाद में, जिस को जितना चाहिये उतना, देते हैं। इस के अलावा १० हजार टन बाहर से आया हुआ और साढ़े बारह हजार टन अपने देश का फटिलाइज़र ऐमोनियम सल्फेट देते हैं। इस के अलावा और कोई मदद हम नहीं देते हैं।

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: Since the Government is boosting up this Japanese method, may I know what would be the increase in yield per acre if the same amount is spent on boosting up the Indian type of cultivation?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: The increase in the yield would be negligible as against the yield by the Japanese method of cultivation which is phenomenal.

Shri N. L. Joshi: May I know in which of the States the area under Japanese cultivation was the largest in the year 1953?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I have not got the figures; but, from memory, I think West Bengal and Hyderabad were the States with the largest area.

RICE ALLOTMENT TO TRAVANCORE-COCHIN

*2161. **Shri Achuthan:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of rice that will be allotted to Travancore-Cochin