

Dr. M. M. Das: May I know whether the Coonoor Institute is the only institute under the Central Government for carrying on research in nutrition, or is there some other institute also under the Central Government for that purpose?

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur: The Coonoor Institute is the only one under the Ministry of Health, but there is also another one under the Ministry of Food and Agriculture.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

PROFITS OF SUGAR MILLS

*1103. **Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to lay on the Table of the House a statement showing:

(a) Gross profits of sugar mills in India for the years 1945-46, 1949-50, 1950-51 and 1951-52;

(b) dividends declared in each of the above years; and

(c) names of managing directors?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister (Shri Satish Chandra): (a) to (c). Information is being collected.

U.P.S.C. ASSISTANT GRADE EXAMINATION

*1107. **Shri M. E. Krishna:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the number of candidates who appeared for the U.P.S.C. Assistant Grade examination held in December 1951;

(b) how many of them have qualified in the examination; and

(c) whether in this examination the pass percentage has been increased from 40 to 50?

The Minister of Home Affairs and States (Dr. Katju): (a) 2,973.

(b) 633 have qualified.

(c) Yes.

BONGARGAON-GAUHATI RAILWAY LINE

*1110. **Jonab Amjad Ali:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether there was any project of construction of a Railway line connecting Bonagargaon with Gauhati via Jogighopa and Pancharatna with a bridge over the Brahmaputra river?

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The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): The reply is in the affirmative.

RAILWAY BRIDGE OVER RIVER BRAHMAPUTRA

*1111. **Jonab Amjad Ali:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether a survey for the construction of a bridge over the River Brahmaputra from Jogighopa to Pancharatna was done;

(b) if so, when;

(c) whether there was any estimate prepared for the purpose;

(d) whether the execution of the work has been sanctioned; and

(e) when the execution of the work is likely to begin?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): (a) and (b). Some investigations about siting of a bridge at Jogighopa were carried out in 1947, but on account of the partition of the country and consequent drain on resources and lack of necessary equipment for boring into the river, further investigations were postponed.

(c) No estimate for the construction of the bridge was prepared.

(d) No.

(e) As the matters stand at present, there does not appear to be any likelihood of the work being commenced in the next few years.

TRACTORS

*1112. **Col. Zaidi:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether there is any scheme for the manufacture of tractors in India; and

(b) if so, what progress has been made in this direction?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister (Shri Satish Chandra): (a) and (b). A number of schemes for the manufacture of tractors were sponsored by the various parties but only three have survived.

A firm in Orissa has proposed to manufacture tractors in this country by arrangement with a German firm. Production is expected to begin before the end of this year. A firm in Madras are assembling a well-known make of British tractors in their automobile

assembling factory at Madras. The units are received in knocked down condition and assembled in this factory. Their capacity is 12 tractors a day or about 3,000 tractors a year. This firm has also proposed to start progressive manufacture of tractor component parts. A Bombay firm is negotiating in collaboration with a well-known U.S.A. manufacturer in a project for the establishment of a tractor factory at Bombay. It is understood that the firm is now carrying on experiments with different kinds of engines in order to ascertain their suitability under Indian conditions.

CENSUS REPORTS

*1115. **Prof. Agarwal:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) when the detailed Reports of the 1951 Census are expected to be published;

(b) how much money was spent on the Census of 1951;

(c) whether the Census figures will contain information regarding persons engaged in different small scales, village and Cottage industries in India; and

(d) whether the 1951 Census figures will give any information about the number of persons in India who do not have any regular employment throughout the year, and those who are totally unemployed?

The Minister of Home Affairs and States (Dr. Katju): (a) Some of the 1951 Census publications have already been published and are in the library of the House. Almost all the other publications are expected to be published during the course of current financial year.

(b) Work relating to the 1951 Census has not yet been completed. The overall estimate of expenditure is Rs. 150 lakhs.

(c) No information on small scale industries was collected as part of the 1951 Census operations. A separate census of Small Scale Industries was conducted by State Governments either before or at the same time as the 1951 Census. The results of this Census will be given in the District Census Handbooks by the State Governments, if they so desire.

(d) This topic was not included in the All-India questionnaire of the 1951 Census. Some State Governments have collected information about unemployment.

TUNG TREES

*1124. **Jonab Amjad Ali:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the reply to starred question No. 518 asked on the 5th June, 1952 and state:

(a) when the State of Assam has started the cultivation of Tung Trees of Chinese origin; and

(b) whether Tung oil is a commercially feasible product?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister (Shri Satish Chandra):

(a) Tung cultivation was first introduced in Assam in 1928-29.

(b) Yes. As the oil has important uses in the water proofing, paints and varnish industries, it finds a ready market in India.

NEPAL BORDER (NATIONAL HIGHWAY)

*1132. **Shri Bibhuti Mishra:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state whether there is any proposal for construction of a National Highway along the Indian side of Nepal border in Bihar?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): No, Sir.

NADIAD-KAPADWANJ NARROW GAUGE RAILWAY (PASSENGER AMENITIES)

*1133. **Shri Dabhi:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether any amount was set apart during the year 1951-52, and/or is set apart for the year 1952-53, for passenger amenities, on the Nadiad-Kapadwanj Narrow Gauge Railway;

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, (i) what amount was set apart for the year 1951-52 and what amount is to be set apart for the year 1952-53, (ii) what amenities were provided during the year 1951-52 and are to be provided during the year 1952-53; and

(c) what passenger amenities are provided at present on this railway?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): (a) No amount was specifically set apart in 1951-52 for provision of passenger amenities on the section. A lump sum amount of Rs. 10,000 is proposed to be spent for the purpose in 1952-53.

(b) During 1952-53 it is proposed to provide additional benches at Kathalal station and cement concrete flooring in the waiting halls at Kathalal and Vina stations. The Railway Adminis-