

(d) The Japonica yields on an average 2500 lbs. of clean rice per acre in Japan, while the Indies varieties yield about 750 lbs. in India.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether the F.A.O. under the Expanded Technical Assistance Programme has tendered any help in regard to this hybridising work?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: Yes, Sir. One of the two schemes is an international cooperative scheme sponsored by the F.A.O.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether this hybridising experimental section has any connection with the experimental course at the training centre there?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: Yes, so far as the assistance of the F.A.O. is concerned. Otherwise, these two things are quite different.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether this is the first experiment or whether other hybridising works have been undertaken by Government or are proposed to be undertaken by Government?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I think this is the largest of its kind so far undertaken.

Shri Barman: What is the number of types of rice so far developed by this hybridisation process in this Institute?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: According to the last quarterly report for the period ending the 30th September 1952, it is reported that 55,989 pollinations were done during the Quarter and 3,847 cross seeds were collected.

Shri K. G. Deshmukh: May I know whether this hybridised seed requires any special type of land and weather, or whether it can be grown in any weather that we are used to have in our country?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: The research is meant to find out seeds suitable to particular soils, and these experiments are carried on in order to acclimatise these seeds to Indian conditions, and various soils are tried.

Shri Sanganna: May I know how many strains have reached the final stage of research in the Cuttack Research Station?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: This research is a somewhat long drawn out process and for it to fructify and for us to determine what particular seed would be most suitable, it is likely to take a period of three to four years.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know which other countries are likely to be benefited by this experiment excepting India?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: So far as this centre is concerned, besides India nine other Asian countries are participating.

Shrimati A. Kale: May I know the reason of this experiment? Will it produce rice richer in food value, or will it lead to production of more rice?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: Sir, the effort is to find out the seed that will yield more, will require less seed and possibly also give the greatest possible protein content.

Shri M. L. Dwivedi: May I know the names of the countries participating in this scheme?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I think this list was given last time. They are mostly South-East Asian countries.

Shri M. L. Dwivedi: Is China included in the scheme?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I do not think so.

EXPORT OF FISH

*1179. **Shri Eswara Reddy:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total export of dried and fresh fish from India during the last three years;

(b) to which countries and to what quantities the export took place; and

(c) what was the total amount earned by India on account of these exports?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) to (c). No data with regard to fresh fish are available. With regard to dried fish, a statement giving the requisite available information is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VII, annexure No. 14].

Shri Eswara Reddy: May I know, Sir, whether there is any provision in the Indo-American Agreement for increasing the output of fish in India?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: India will get some assistance from international bodies for the purpose of experimenting in fisheries as well as some equipment for deep sea fishing.

Shri Eswara Reddy: Apart from the agreement, what steps are envisaged by the Government for the expansion

sion of fishing in India with particular reference to mechanisation?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: We are tackling this question of mechanising our fisheries department very seriously and we are going to get a number of engines that will be fitted on the ordinary boats. There will also be trawlers which will be used for deep sea fishing.

Shri A. M. Thomas: From which part of India is dry fish largely exported?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I am afraid I have not got the information.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: The hon. Member knows that it is from Malabar.

Sardar Hukam Singh: What amount out of Grow More Food funds was spent for the expansion of fishing?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I have not got the figures.

MURLIGANJ-DAURAM MADHEPURA RAILWAY LINE

*1173. **Shri L. N. Mishra:** (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether the construction of a Railway line from Murliganj to Dauram Madhepura in North Eastern Railway of Bihar has been taken up?

(b) If the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, the progress made so far?

(c) When is the said line expected to be ready for traffic?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) The reply is in the affirmative.

(b) Regarding the progress of the work, earthwork for the embankment for 6.25 miles from Dauram Madhepura to Budhamghat has been completed.

(c) It is expected that the work will be completed towards the end of 1953-54.

Shri L. N. Mishra: Is it a fact that of late the construction work has been held up?

Shri Alagesan: The work is going on and is being done by the Public Works Department of the Bihar Government. As soon as they get hold of more land they will continue the work.

Shri L. N. Mishra: Is it a fact that even acquisition of land at certain places has not been made as yet?

Shri Alagesan: The Chief Engineer has told us that he will be able to get

more land in the future and he will be able to proceed with the work.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE, BANARAS

*1175. **Shri Rup Narain:** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of trainees in the Vocational Training Centre in Banaras Hindu University;

(b) whether seats are reserved for the Scheduled Caste candidates in this Training Centre;

(c) what are the number of trainees belonging to the Scheduled Caste community in the above Training Centre; and

(d) whether these trainees are given any kind of stipend, if so, what is the total number of stipends and the amount per month given to the trainees?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) There were 303 trainees receiving technical training in the Training Centre at the Engineering College, Benares Hindu University at the end of October, 1952.

(b) Yes; 12½ per cent. of the seats have been reserved for the Scheduled Caste candidates.

(c) 18.

(d) 12 Scheduled Caste trainees receive stipend at the rate of Rs. 25 per month per trainee.

Shri Rup Narain: May I know whether the certificates given to these trainees have been recognised by the Central Government or the State Governments?

Shri Abid Ali: Some Governments have recognised.

Shri Bheekha Bhat: May I know if any seats are reserved for Scheduled Tribes?

Shri Abid Ali: Not for Scheduled Tribes.

श्री गणपति राम : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि इस तरह की ट्रेनिंग पर कितना रुपया अब तक खर्च किया गया है ?

श्री आबिद अली : इस के लिये अगर आप सवाल लिख कर पूछें तो मैं जवाब दे सकूंगा ।

Shri Sanganna: May I know why no seats have been reserved for Scheduled Tribes?