

of foodgrains during 1954-55 and their total cost?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa): Construction of storage accommodation with a capacity of about 40,000 tons was nearly completed during the year 1954-55. The exact expenditure incurred during the year is not known as yet. The estimated cost is Rs. 20 lakhs.

Shri K. C. Sodhia: What is the total quantity of accommodation constructed and completed by the Government which is available now?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: We have now stocks to the extent of nearly 16 lakh tons of foodgrains (rice), and the Central Government owns only accommodation for 2 lakh tons. For the remaining 14 lakh tons we have rented accommodation from Port Corporations and such other bodies.

Shri K. C. Sodhia: How are the Government going to put the newly purchased wheat and other grains in their godowns now?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: As we go on importing or purchasing wheat, our people go on eating rice. So, as the places go on being vacated we try to store these there. If over and above that we require accommodation, we will get it from private agencies and Port Trusts, etc.

WELFARE AND SECURITY DEPARTMENTS

*2063. **Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of persons attached at present to the Welfare and Security Departments on the Northern Railway separately; and

(b) the main functions of these staff?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) 70 persons are employed by the Welfare

Branch and 5083 by the Railway Security Organisation.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House [See Appendix IX, annexure No. 48.]

Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy: May I know whether such welfare and security organisations are set up in other Railways also, Central and other Railways?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): Yes, on all Railways.

Mr. Speaker: Do these figures relate to all Railways?

Shri Alagesan: No, Sir, he asked for Northern Railway only.

Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy: I want to know whether such organisations are functioning in other Railways also.

Shri Alagesan: I said yes.

Shri N. B. Chowdhury: In making these appointments may I know whether any preference is given to persons who had previously served in the Intelligence Department?

Shri Alagesan: It is true that we are recruiting men from the State Intelligence Department and Police Department for the security organisation.

RAILWAY SIDINGS

*2064. **Dr. J. N. Parekh:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railway Administration at Morvi (Saurashtra) has threatened to dismantle the existing Railway sidings of some of the Industrial concerns in spite of the previous agreements;

(b) the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any representation has been received by Government from Trade and Industry of Saurashtra in this connection; and

(d) if so, the reactions of Government to the same?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

GRANTS FOR ROADS

***2065. Shri Dabhi:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of grant allotted to the Bombay State for the construction of roads out of the amount set apart for the First Five Year Plan period;

(b) how much of this amount has already been sanctioned; and

(c) whether there are any conditions attached to the grant?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) The hon. Member is presumably referring to the *ad hoc* provision of Rs. 10 crores for the construction of State roads of inter-State or economic importance during the current Plan period and of a similar amount during the first two years of the Second Five Year Plan. An offer of Rs. 187.05 lakhs has been made to Bombay State out of this provision of Rs. 20 crores.

(b) Estimates aggregating to Rs. 127.88 lakhs have been sanctioned so far. Against these estimates, expenditure up to Rs. 91.71 lakhs will be met from the grant of Rs. 187.05 lakhs and the balance from State Funds.

(c) Yes.

Shri Dabhi: May I know in which area the roads have been constructed or are being constructed with the help given by the Centre?

Shri Alagesan: In the Bombay State there are fifteen schemes. They cover almost the whole area. I have the list and I can pass it on to my hon. friend.

TRAINING OF WORKERS

***2067. Shri Ram Shankar Lal:** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that classes for training workers in new techniques of improved methods of productivity have been recently started at Nagpur;

(b) whether there is any proposal to establish such other centres also in the country; and

(c) if so, the expenditure proposed to be incurred thereon?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) No, Sir. But one of the I.L.O. Experts has conducted at Nagpur a training course under the Scheme for Training within Industry.

(b) Courses under the Scheme are already being conducted at Bombay and Delhi.

(c) A sum of Rupees 46,800/- has been provided in the budget for 1955-56 for meeting expenses connected with the Scheme for Training within Industry.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

AIR AGREEMENT BETWEEN INDIA AND CHINA

***2011. Shri S. N. Das:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to unstarred question No. 774 on the 15th December, 1954 and state whether any progress has since been made in the direction of concluding a bilateral air agreement between India and China?

The Minister of Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram): The Chinese Government have been addressed on the subject and a reply from them is awaited.

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