

from which area are the stones being procured?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) The Akra Spur is already under construction. A provision of Rs. 20 lakhs was made for this work in the Commissioner's Revised Budget Estimates for 1953-54 and the balance of Rs. 13.92 lakhs has been provided in the Capital Budget Estimates for 1954-55.

(b) The Port Commissioners have split up the work into two parts—

- (i) procurement of materials; and
- (ii) dumping into the river.

Both the items are being done by contractors.

(c) Eight lakhs cft; 4 lakhs cft. from Pakur and 4 lakhs cft. from sources in Orissa through the agency of the Eastern Railway.

TRAINING OF VILLAGE LEVEL WORKERS

457. Th. Lakshman Singh Charak: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any training centre for the training of village level workers and supervisory staff in the States, for which funds have been allotted by the Ford Foundation; and

(b) if so, the number of persons so far trained—State-wise and year-wise?

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

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IX, annexure No. 24.]

SUGAR-CANE

**458. { Shri S. N. Das:
Shri M. L. Agrawal:**

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of sugarcane crushed by all the factories in India during 1953-54:

(b) how this quantity compares with the quantity crushed last year; and

(c) what is the quantity of sugar produced during 1953-54, State-wise, and how this compares with the previous year?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa): (a) and (b). The total quantity of sugarcane crushed by all the factories in India during the season 1953-54, up to 31st March, 1954, is estimated at 25.94 crore maunds as against 28.92 crore maunds crushed during the corresponding period of the previous year. The total quantity of cane crushed during the whole of the season 1952-53, however, worked out to 35.92 crore maunds. The final figure for the current year will be known only after the close of the season on 31st October 1954.

(c) A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IX, annexure No. 25.]

उपप्रादेशिक नौकरी दफ्तर

४५९. श्री रूप नारायण : क्या भ्रम मंत्री यह बताने को कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) उत्तर प्रदेश में कितने उपप्रादेशिक नौकरी दफ्तर खोले गये हैं ; और

(ख) ये दफ्तर किन किन तिथियों को कहां कहां और किस आधार पर खोले गए ?

The Minister of Labour (Shri V. V. Giri): (a) and (b). A statement is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IX, annexure No. 26.]

WASTE LANDS

**460. { Shri Y. M. Mukne:
Shri Natawadkar:
Shri B. K. Patel:**

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of cultivable wastelands in India State-wise, in 1953; and

(b) the area of cultivable wasteland brought under cultivation, year-wise and State-wise, from 1949 up-to-date?