

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur) : (a) Twenty :

1. Arsikere
2. Bangalore
3. Bellary
4. Bhadravathi
5. Channapatna
6. Chickmagalur
7. Chitaldrug
8. Davangere
9. Harihar
10. Hospet
11. Hassan
12. Kolar Gold Fields
13. Kolar
14. Mandya
15. Mysore
16. Nanjangud
17. Ramanagaram
18. Shimoga
19. Tiptur
20. Tumkur

(b) Schemes for five more such places have been sanctioned.

Arecanut

849. Shri Wodeyar : Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the programme for increasing arecanut production during the Second Five Year Plan; and

(b) the acreage proposed to be brought under cultivation?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain) : (a) An overall target of an additional production of 5,44,560 maunds for the country has been fixed. This is about 25 % higher than the present estimated production of 22 lakh maunds. The target is proposed to be achieved by concentrating on intensive and extensive cultivation, some of which are:

- (i) starting of nurseries to supply good seedlings to growers, to extend the area and thereby increase production.
- (ii) Arecanut extension work.
- (iii) Affording better facilities to irrigate arecanut gardens with a view to increasing the yield.
- (iv) Developing Arecanut Industry in Andamans and Nicobar Islands.

(v) Establishment of Regional research Stations. A sum of Rs. 57 lakhs has been provided for the Arecanut Development and Research programme during the Second Five Year Plan Period. Out of this, a sum of Rs. 27 lakhs has been earmarked for Arecanut Research and 30 lakhs for Arecanut Development.

(b) About 7,000 Acres.

Hampi

850. Shri Wodeyar : Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1371 on the 2nd September, 1955 and state:

(a) whether any facilities are proposed to be given to tourists visiting Hampi, in Bellary District of Mysore State and if so, the nature of facilities; and

(b) to what extent the number of the tourists visiting Hampi has increased during the last four years?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan) : (a) Schemes for the provision of facilities for tourists visiting Hampi have been included in the Second Five Year Plan which is still under consideration.

(b) Statistics of tourists, foreign or Indian, visiting each place of tourist interest are not maintained.

नर्मदा पर पुल

८५१. श्री महोदय : क्या परिवहन मंत्री २७ सितम्बर, १९५४ को दिये गये अतारकित प्रश्न संख्या ७८६ के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि पश्चिम रेलव की खंडवा-अजमेर शाखा के श्रीकारेश्वर रोड स्टेशन के पास नर्मदा नदी पर बन रहे सड़क पुल के निर्माण कार्य में अब तक कितनी प्रगति हुई है ?

रेलवे तथा परिवहन उपमंत्री (श्री अल्लवेक्षण) : अक्टूबर, १९५५ तक ३२ प्रतिशत (३२%) प्रगति थी ।

Compensation to 'Kashmir Princess' Victims

852. Shri Krishnacharya Joshi : Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount of compensation paid by the Air India International