

go through a very strict test and only if they pass the test, they are employed.

*144 and *145. [The questioner (Shri Ram Sahai) was absent. For answer, vide cols. 1339-41 infra.]

BRIDGE ON DELHI-FAZILKA NATIONAL HIGHWAY

*146. SHRI BANSI LAL: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a small bridge at mileage stone 40 (near Bhor) on the Delhi-Fazilka National Highway;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the bridge is situated on a turn which is very dangerous for the vehicles using it;

(c) how many accidents have taken place on this bridge during the last ten years; and

(d) whether Government intend to re-construct the bridge at an early date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) Yes; the crossing is a culvert across an Irrigation minor channel.

(b) Yes.

(c) Three.

(d) It is proposed to realign the road in this stretch so as to eliminate the sharp curve. A new culvert will be constructed on the new alignment. The State Public Works Department is preparing the estimate for the project.

RAILWAY LEVEL CROSSINGS BETWEEN LOHARU AND JAIPUR

*147. SHRI BANSI LAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all the railway level crossings between Loharu and Jaipur have been fenced by the Railway Authorities; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and when Government propose to remove the fencing on these level crossings?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

स्माल सेविंग्स सर्टिफिकेटों के बारे में शिकायतें

*१४८. श्री शेरखां : क्या परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को इस आशय की कोई शिकायतें मिली है कि पोस्टल सर्किल मैमूर के गुल्बर्गा डिस्ट्रिक्ट में ग्राम तौर पर स्माल सेविंग्स सर्टिफिकेट की रकम की वापसी के समय लोगों को बहुत परेशान किया जाता है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो अब तक ऐसी कितनी शिकायतें आई हैं और उन पर क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

†[COMPLAINT REGARDING SMALL SAVINGS CERTIFICATES]

*148. SHRI SHERKHAN: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaints to the effect that generally people are put to a lot of harassment at the time of repayment of the amount of Small Savings Certificates in the District of Gulbarga in Mysore Postal Circle; and

(b) if so, how many such complaints have so far been received and what action has been taken thereon?

†[] English translation

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (DR. P. SUBBARAYAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No complaint of harassment but one complaint regarding difficulties in attestation of signature was received by the Postmaster General, Mysore. The Postmaster-General, Mysore has reiterated the instructions already existing regarding the attestation of signatures by M.L.As., M.Ps., so that such difficulties may not arise.

† [परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री राज बहादुर) : (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) हस्ताक्षर प्रमाणित करने के सम्बन्ध में केवल एक शिकायत को छोड़ कर परेशान करने की कोई और शिकायत डाक-तार महा अध्यक्ष, मैसूर को नहीं मिली है। डाक-तार महा अध्यक्ष, मैसूर ने विधान-सभा सदस्यों, संसद-सदस्यों आदि के द्वारा हस्ताक्षरों को प्रमाणित करने के सम्बन्ध में जो अनुदेश पिछले से ही मौजूद हैं उन्हें पुनः प्रसारित कर दिया है, जिससे कि भविष्य में इस तरह की कठिनाइयां उपस्थित न हों ।

श्री शेरखां : मैंने खुद ऐसे सार्टिफिकेटों पर दस्तखत करके दिये थे लेकिन उन्हें अभी तक वापस नहीं किया गया । मेरे पास खुद ऐसे सार्टिफिकेट आये हुए हैं अगर आप के पास भेजू तो ?

श्री राज बहादुर : अगर ऐसी शिकायत होगी तो उसकी जांच की जा सकती है ।

*149. [The questioner (Shri Gurudev) was absent. For answer, vide cols. 1341-42 infra.]

*150 and *151. [For answers, vide cols. 1335-37 infra.]

† [] Hindi translation.

DAMAGE TO CROPS DUE TO LOCUSTS IN DELHI

*152. SHRI S. C. DEB: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any damage has been done to crop by the recent two successive invasions of locusts in Delhi and neighbouring areas; and

(b) if so, to what extent?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI A. M. THOMAS): (a) and (b) According to the information furnished by the Delhi Administration, the loss, which was mainly on *arhar*, mustard and pea crops, is estimated at Rs. 3 lakhs in an area of about 12 sq. miles. No information has so far been received in regard to the extent of loss in the neighbouring areas, namely, Punjab and U.P.

SHRI S. C. DEB: May I know, Sir, whether any effective measures have been taken so that damage to produce can be avoided?

SHRI A. M. THOMAS: About the 2nd of March 1962 there was this locust swarm and it had been effectively controlled by aerial as well as ground operations and most of the locusts in the swarms were killed.

SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY: May I know, Sir, if these locust swarms mostly came from West Pakistan?

SHRI A. M. THOMAS: That is so, Sir.

DR. R. B. GOUR: May I know, Sir, whether the hon. Minister and the Government have come into contact with the Zoological Survey of India which is doing certain research on the population dynamics of locust and whether those researches could be used by the Government in times of locust invasions?

SHRI A. M. THOMAS: We are prepared to receive any information that