

trying several ways to stop erosion and to reclaim these lands. It is difficult for me to understand which scheme the hon. Member means.

\*137. [The questioner (Moulana M. Faruqi) was absent. For answer, vide cols. 819-820 infra.]

#### POST-GRADUATE STUDIES IN MEDICAL COLLEGES

\*138. DR. A. SUBBA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee appointed by Government under the Chairmanship of Dr. B. C. Roy about the post-graduate studies in Medical Colleges has since submitted its report;

(b) if so, what are its main findings; and

(c) whether Government have examined the report?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR): (a) The Committee has not yet submitted its report.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

DR. A. SUBBA RAO: May I know when the report is likely to be submitted?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: I expect it during the next three months.

DR. A. SUBBA RAO: May I know whether the Government have brought to the notice of the Committee the urgency of the matter? Have they reminded them?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: The Committee is already conscious of the urgency of the matter.

#### TRAFFIC SURVEY FOR LINKING MANGALORE WITH BOMBAY

\*139. DR. A. SUBBA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to undertake a traffic survey for linking Mangalore with Bombay; and

(b) if so, when the survey will commence?

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

(b) Does not arise.

DR. A. SUBBA RAO: May I know whether an aerial survey was conducted three years back?

MR. CHAIRMAN: "Was an aerial survey conducted?" That is what he asks.

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: I am not aware of the aerial survey.

DR. A. SUBBA RAO: May I know whether there is any prospect of the line being included in the Third Five Year Plan?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: No, Sir; but a survey has been sanctioned for the Diva-Panvel-Uran Section.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: At present, is there not any link between Mangalore and Bombay so that a traffic survey is at all necessary?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: The question is not very clear, Sir.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: I wanted to know whether there was no link between Mangalore and Bombay at that moment so as to necessitate a fresh traffic survey.

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: There is no direct railway link.

#### INTERNATIONAL TRAINING COURSE IN USE OF RADIO ISOTOPES

\*140. SHRI AMOLAKH CHAND: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi,

has undertaken an international training course in the use of radio isotopes in agricultural research and if so, the number of trainees admitted to that course; and

(b) what contributions have been made in this connection by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation and the Food and Agriculture Organisation?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA):

(a) Yes, 25 trainees have been admitted.

(b) This course is jointly sponsored by the Government of India, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation, Food and Agriculture Organisation and International Atomic Energy Agency. The U.N.E.S.C.O., F.A.O. and the International Atomic Energy Agency have provided 4 Foreign Experts to help in conducting the course. In addition, the UNESCO and the International Atomic Energy Agency are meeting the expenses of 17 trainees drawn from Burma, Ceylon, Thailand and India.

SHRI AMOLAKH CHAND: Out of these 25 trainees, how many are Indians and how many are non-Indians?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: Seventeen are non-Indians and the rest are Indians.

SHRI AMOLAKH CHAND: May I know what the annual expenditure on this training is and whether the trainees have to contribute anything towards their fees, etc., or the whole training cost including boarding and lodging is met by all these organisations?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: Out of these twenty-five trainees, seventeen have come from outside India and their expenses are met by the U.N.E.S.C.O. and for the rest, who are Indian trainees, the Government of India meets their expenses. The train-

ing course is for only one month; it is not an annual expenditure. There is nothing like annual expenditure. The training is only for one month.

SHRI AMOLAKH CHAND: May I know where these Indian personnel will be utilised after this one month's training?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: In India, the only training station which we have is the Pusa Institute where we are erecting an Atomic Garden and already steps are being taken, and to a great extent, they have succeeded in making use of the radio isotopes for the development of agriculture and in making use of them even to sterilise the male insects to reduce the pests in the country.

SHRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIAR: May I know whether this means that the trainees must be used for that particular purpose only? Is it the intention that these trainees are to be used only in the Atomic Garden which is mentioned or in any other place also where provision has been made for the use of that knowledge?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: They are used all over the country, Sir. This Atomic Garden is just a training institute where we have installed a machine called 'Cobalt-60'. But trainees from all over the country, from the various States, can attend and make use of this knowledge.

### गंगा-ब्रह्मपुत्र जल परिवहन बोर्ड

\*१४१. श्री राम सहाय : क्या परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या १९५८-५९ के लिये गंगा-ब्रह्मपुत्र जल परिवहन बोर्ड की वार्षिक रिपोर्ट प्रकाशित हो गई है; यदि नहीं तो वह कब तक प्रकाशित हो जाएगी ; और