

RAJYA SABHA

Thursday, the 14th April, 1960/the 25th
Chaitra, 1882 (Saka)

The House met at eleven of the
clock, MR. CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

MEMBERS SWORN

Shrimati G. Parthasarathy (Madras)

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

TRAINING OF INTELLIGENCE STAFF OF THE NORTHERN RAILWAY

*114. SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether it is fact that on the Northern Railway, Intelligence Staff is being given training along with the newly recruited Railway Protection Force Staff?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): Yes, Sir.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: May I know, Sir, whether it is not risky to train the Intelligence Staff along with the Railway Protection Force, because the disclosure of their identity may defeat the very purpose of their existence as such?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: No, Sir; it is not risky.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: Is it not a fact that when the people of these two Forces are trained together, the Intelligence Staff becomes well known to everybody—these people belong to the Intelligence Staff?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: Sir, in the Railway Protection Force we have the Armed Wing and the Unarmed Wing. In the Unarmed Wing again we have three Sections, namely, the Uniform, the Intelligence and the Fire Services. Before starting their specialised duties everybody is trained first as a policeman in the matter of drill and using firearms. Later on, Sir, they are allocated to different Sec-

tions. The Intelligence people, Sir, like any other policeman, are trained first as policemen and then as Intelligence forces.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: May I know if the collection of intelligence about the trade union activities of workers and employees will be one of the functions of this newly created Intelligence Section?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: Sir, they collect all the information which is of interest to the Railways.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: Is it not a fact that when any case against the Protection Force is registered, it is the duty of the Intelligence Staff to go and make enquiries, but when they are trained together, it will be so easy for the Protection Force to find out that the persons in plain clothes are their own colleagues who were trained along with them?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: Sir, I think there is some confusion in the mind of the hon. lady Member. The job of the Intelligence Section of the Railway Protection Force is to collect intelligence regarding dacoities and thefts committed mainly by outsiders and, if some people of the Railways are also concerned, to spot them out. The idea is not to keep their identity completely secret or to keep them in watertight compartments. That is not the idea.

*115 and *116. [For answers, vide cols. 824—831 infra.]

*117. [Postponed to the 19th April, 1960.]

CLOSING DOWN OF SAW MILL IN ANDAMAN ISLANDS

*118. SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to the answer given to Starred Question No. 236 in the Rajya Sabha on 22nd February, 1960 and state whether Government propose to close down the small saw mill in the Andaman Islands?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA): Yes Sir, in due course.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: What are the reasons, Sir, for closing down this saw mill?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: It has been found that to work this type of saw mill is very wasteful; it requires almost three times the manpower required for the other type of the mill which is working there. So, it has been felt that this saw mill is uneconomic and therefore it should be closed down.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: May I know, Sir, how many people will be thrown out of employment as a result of the closure of this saw mill?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: Nobody, Sir. The Inspector General of Forests has reported that we can employ all these people in the forest work. We have enough work there and there is dearth of men. So, there is no question of unemployment, Sir. We are prepared to employ all these people who are going to lose their employment.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: May I know, Sir, what the annual production of this saw mill is?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: The annual requirement of our Department is supposed to be about 25 thousand tons and the new type of saw mill is capable of handling all these 25 thousand tons. With regard to this old mill, Sir, I do not have any idea as to how much it can handle per day. It requires three times the expenditure on the employment of labour normally required by other mills.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: May I know, Sir, how far it is correct to say that this saw mill is working more efficiently and the wood cut by this saw mill is always more accurate and also the wastage is less than that occurring in the case of other saw mills?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: No, Sir; it is not correct to say that it is economic. It may be that some of our old things are sometimes good in some respects and they are giving some good results, but this particular saw mill is the most uneconomic one because it requires three times the cost on the employment of labour as compared with the other saw mills.

BRIDGES ACROSS THE RIVERS MAHANADI AND BIRUPA IN ORISSA

*119, **SHRI P. N. RAJABHOJ:** Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the work of construction of all-weather bridges across the rivers Mahanadi and Birupa in Orissa is held up for want of funds from the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): No, Sir, the tenders for these works have recently been finalised and steps are being taken for starting the construction.

श्री पा० ना० राजभोज : क्या मंत्री महोदय कृपा करके बतायेंगे कि इस काम के लिए कितना एस्टीमेट है ?

श्री राज बहादुर : द्वितीय पंचवर्षीय योजना में इन दोनों पुलों के वास्ते १८७.६७ लाख का प्राविजन है ।

श्री पा० ना० राजभोज : क्या मैं यह जान सकता हूँ कि कितने मील का रास्ता है और कब यह काम शुरू होगा ?

श्री राज बहादुर : टैंडर्स मंजूर हो चुके हैं और इन के अनुसार मेसर्स हिन्दुस्तान कंस्ट्रक्शन कम्पनी को यह काम दिया जाने वाला है । चीफ इंजीनियर ने कहा है कि इस बारे में जो आवश्यक कदम है फौरन उठा रहे हैं ।