

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA): No. Sir.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: May I know if it is a fact that the Agricultural Prices Enquiry Committee has submitted its report and has recommended that immediately some price control should be brought about in the Andaman markets.

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: There is obviously some confusion here. The lady Member has mentioned in the question the Agricultural Prices Enquiry Committee, but she is referring to the Asoka Mehta Committee, that is, the Foodgrains Enquiry Committee. The Agricultural Prices Enquiry Committee completely deals with the reporting agencies. It has nothing to do with price control and other things.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: May I know if it is a fact that during the rainy season the foodstuffs are sold in the various islands at a very high rate?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: Andamans is not producing enough foodstuffs, and the population there is also increasing, and it is not self-sufficient. We have to send foodgrains often from India.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: May I know if it is a fact that in the last rainy season salt was sold there at the rate of Rs. 1-8 per seer?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: In fact Andamans is far away from India and it takes some time for things to reach there. Probably the prices of all essential commodities will go up, depending upon the arrival of the steamer—if the steamer is delayed, the prices will go, up.

*126 and *127. [The questioner (Shri M. Valiulla) was absent. For answers, vide cols. 578-79 infra.]

कलकत्ता और बम्बई के बीच ट्रंक केबल बिछाने की योजना

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

(क) कलकत्ता और बम्बई के बीच ट्रंक केबल बिछाये जाने की नई योजना के अधीन कितना कार्य अभी तक हो चुका है ;

(ख) इस मार्ग के और कौन कौन से शहरों में यह कार्य सम्पन्न हो चुका है, और

(ग) क्या यह कार्य प्रोग्राम के अनुसार अप्रैल, १९५८ में शुरू हो गया था ?

†[SCHEME FOR LAYING TRUNK CABLE BETWEEN CALCUTTA AND BOMBAY

*128. SHRI RAM SAHAI: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of work so far done under the new scheme for laying trunk cable between Calcutta and Bombay;

(b) the cities on this route where the work has been completed; and

(c) whether the work was started in April 1958 according to schedule?]

परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्री (श्री एस० के० पाटिल) : (क) दिल्ली-कानपुर अनुभाग के लिये आवश्यक केबल व उपस्कर (equipment) उपलब्ध किये जा चुके हैं और आगरा-दिल्ली अनुभाग पर इनके लगाने का काम शुरू कर दिया गया है ।

(ख) कोई से दो शहरों को मिला देने का काम अभी पूरा नहीं हुआ है ।

(ग) यह काम १६ मई, १९५८ को शुरू किया गया था ।

†[] English translation.

†[THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI S. K. PATIL): (a) The cable and the equipment required for the section Delhi—Kanpur had been obtained and work of installation commenced in the Section Agra-Delhi.

(b) the work of linking any two cities has not yet been completed.

(c) The work was started on 19th May, 1958.]

श्री राम सहाय : क्या माननीय मंत्री जी बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि इस योजना को और किन-किन शहरों के अन्तर्गत प्रारम्भ करने का ख्याल है ?

श्री एस० के० पाटिल : बम्बई, दिल्ली और कलकत्ते के बीच में जो शहर आयंगे जैसे लखनऊ और कानपुर और ऐसा करने में शायद पांच, दस या पचास मील इधर उधर जाना पड़े ।

श्री राम सहाय : क्या माननीय मिनिस्टर महोदय यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि साधारण योजना में और इस नई योजना में क्या अन्तर है ?

श्री एस० के० पाटिल : अन्तर तो बहुत है । यह तो टेलीफोन का लेटेस्ट फार्म है और इसमें सारा टेलीफून सिस्टम सुधर जायगा ।

SHRI V. PRASAD RAO: May I know whether the Government has examined the scheme to establish a short-wave communication system instead of having this costly cable system as such?

SHRI S. K. PATIL: Sir, it is necessary that it should be a system that connects most of our cities. It cannot be a short space between two cities alone. It has got wider repercussions and when completed, it will be tremendously better than what it is today.

*[] English translation.

SHRI V. PRASAD RAO: May I know, Sir, if the hon. Minister is aware that by the multi-channel short-wave communication system, different cities could also be connected just as through this cable system?

SHRI S. K. PATIL: The hon. Member seems to be a better technician than myself. I am just stating what the question has been asked for.

SHRI V. PRASAD RAO: Is the hon. Minister aware that in foreign countries such a system has been in vogue?

SHRI S. K. PATIL: Not to my knowledge, but the question does not refer to it.

PANDIT S. S. N. TANKHA: Is it to be underground cable system?

SHRI S. K. PATIL: There might be underground cable.

श्री राम सहाय : क्या माननीय मंत्री महोदय कुछ थोड़ा भी आइडिया इस बात का दे सकेंगे कि इसमें माइलेज के लिहाज से या किसी और असूल के लिहाज से कितना खर्च आता है ?

श्री एस० के० पाटिल : माइलेज के लिहाज से मेरे पास स्टेटिस्टिक्स नहीं हैं लेकिन पूरा खर्चा करीब दस करोड़ रुपये होगा ।

कुष्ट नियंत्रण योजना

*१२६. **श्री राम सहाय :** क्या स्वास्थ्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) कुष्ट नियंत्रण योजना के तहत १९५८-५९ में जो ३० अतिरिक्त महायक केन्द्र प्रस्थापित किये जाने वाले थे, उनमें से अब तक कितने केन्द्र प्रस्थापित किये जा चुके हैं; और