

the other hand, Andhra is ahead of our targets. Andhra has produced more than the targets fixed by us.

SHRI V. PRASAD RAO: Fixing of targets does not necessarily mean that production has increased. Increase in the acreage also does not mean that production has increased.

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: When I say that Andhra is ahead of the target, I do not restrict myself only to the acreage but also to the production which has increased.

SHRI V. PRASAD RAO: I put a specific question, Sir, whether the *chilka* soil has been found unsuitable for this type of cultivation.

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: We have no information on that subject, Sir.

श्री राम सहाय : क्या माननीय मिनिस्टर महोदय यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि जापानी मैथड से जो बीज बोया जाता है उसमें और साधारण तरीके पर जो बीज बोया जाता है उसमें कॉस्ट में क्या अन्तर आता है ?

श्री एम० वी० कृष्णप्पा : उसकी कॉस्ट में १०० रु० का अन्तर होता है। ग्राडिनरी तरीके से फसल पैदा करने में एक एकड़ में १५० रु० कॉस्ट आती है और जापानी मैथड में २५० रु० आती है। क्रीबन १०० रु० का डिफरेंस होता है।

श्री राम सहाय : क्या माननीय मिनिस्टर महोदय यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि जो उत्पत्ति होती है उसमें और खर्च में क्या रेशियो रहता है ?

श्री एम० वी० कृष्णप्पा : उत्पत्ति खर्च से ऊपर होती है। उससे ज्यादा पैदा होता है।

RAILWAY REHABILITATION OPERATION OVER THE RUPSA-BARIPADA LIGHT RAILWAY ON THE SOUTH-EAST- ERN RAILWAY

*80. **SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway Administration has undertaken any railway rehabilitation operation over the Rupsa-Baripada Light Railway section on the South-Eastern Railway; if so,—

(b) what is the total length of railway on which track renewals have been effected;

(c) how soon the entire section is likely to be made fit for improved service; and

(d) what is the total amount of expenditure estimated to be incurred for this purpose and how much has so far been actually spent?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY):

(a) Yes.

(b) 15 miles up to end of 7th April, 1958.

(c) As programmed, the Rupsa-Baripada section is expected to be rehabilitated by the end of the 1959-60 financial year.

(d) The total amount of expenditure estimated to be incurred for this work is Rs. 23,99,522 and the amount actually spent up to 7th April, 1958 is Rs. 10,11,000.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: May I know when this rehabilitation process commenced?

SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY: I require notice, Sir.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: May I know whether, by now, all the over-aged locomotives have been replaced and, if not, to what extent has this replacement proceeded?

SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY: Sir, this question refers to the rehabilitation work. I believe there is nothing about the locomotives. The question does not refer to the engines,

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: My question related to the rehabilitation of the line and I want to know whether the old locomotives come under this rehabilitation scheme or not.

SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY: This question refers only to the track.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Minister says that he has got information only about the track and not about the locomotives.

DR. R. P. DUBE: I want to know, Sir, what he means by rehabilitation.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The question was about the rehabilitation operations on that light railway.

SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY: Sir, the point is this. This line is very old, about fifty years old and the rails are about 30 lbs, 40 lbs. and 41½ lbs. These are now being replaced by 50 lb. rails. This is the type of rehabilitation that we are doing.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: May I know whether Government are aware that breakdowns are occurring almost every week in this line and yet this process of rehabilitation is going to be delayed till 1959? Why so, Sir?

SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY: The point is this. It was originally programmed to relay about 40 miles of the Rupsa-Baripada line in the year 1956-57 but subsequently we found that this question of rehabilitating this line was tied up with the general question of dealing with the narrow gauge lines as such. Therefore, this was deleted from the works programme for the year 1956-57. However, the rehabilitation of at least the Rupsa-Baripada section was strongly felt and we are attending to it now.

VISIT OF SOVIET CO-OPERATIVE DELEGATION

*81. **SHRIMATI YASHODA REDDY:** Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Soviet Co-operative Delegation visited the country during April, 1958; and

(b) if so, what was the purpose of the visit of the delegation?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA): (a) and (b). Two fraternal delegates from Soviet Russia came to India to attend the Third All India Co-operative Congress held on the 12th and 13th April, 1958.

DR. R. B. GOUR: Is there a country like Soviet Russia, Sir?

MR. CHAIRMAN Soviet Union.

SHRIMATI YASHODA REDDY: May I know whether the system of co-operative farming was discussed with that Delegation?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: It is not a Government body, Sir. The All-India Co-operative Union is a separate private organisation and whatever was discussed by that body is not before me.

SHRIMATI YASHODA REDDY: Is it not a fact that in spite of Government interference in the co-operative system, it has been unsuccessful as far as the co-operative system is concerned?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: The Prime Minister himself in his inaugural address stated that there was too much of official interference in the co-operative system and naturally, the whole conference took that up and discussed it. I was also a participant in that seminar.

SHRIMATI YASHODA REDDY: What was the remedy proposed?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: Deofficialisation will be the remedy but it depends on how far it can be done, especially when we are entrusting these co-operatives with work the value of which is ten times or even twenty times more than what was being done by them previously. So, Government has to consider this question.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Her question is, why should the Government interfere at all?