

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: Yes, Sir.

CONSTRUCTION OF AN OVER-BRIDGE OR A SUB-WAY AT THE TENALI TOWN RAILWAY LEVEL CROSSING ON THE SOUTHERN RAILWAY.

*74. SHRI V. C. KESAVA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of representations have been sent to Government for the construction of an over-bridge or a sub-way at the Tenali town railway level crossing on the Bezwada-Bitragunta section of the Southern Railway;

(b) if so, how the matter stands now; and

(c) whether any estimates have been prepared about the total cost of the construction of the over-bridge?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) No, Sir.

SHRI V. C. KESAVA RAO: May I know whether the Minister has any idea for how many hours the gate will be closed at this level crossing?

SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY: I have no idea. I require notice for that.

SHRIMATI YASHODA REDDY: May I know whether there has been no representation in general as far as the coastal area of Andhra is concerned?

SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY: I don't know about that but the Andhra Government have included this in the list of over-bridges to be constructed.

SHRIMATI YASHODA REDDY: What are the Central Government's decisions about it?

SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY: They have asked for a joint inspection

with the Railway District Engineer and that is being considered.

SHRIMATI T. NALLAMUTHU RAMAMURTI: Are there not requests from other States for over-bridges due to congestion of traffic that holds up the passage of motor cars and other essential traffic from one area to another, not for one hour but even for two hours when trains are coming from this side and that side?

SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY: So far as railway crossings are concerned, there are ever so many requests.

SHRI V. K. DHAGE: Has the Railway Department made any enquiries in this regard on their own to find out whether an over-bridge at a place like this was necessary or not?

SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY: No. Sometimes we make our own enquiries and people also make representations to us and we consider them too.

SHRI V. K. DHAGE: The question is with regard to this particular matter. I don't want to know what the Railways do generally. I want to know whether the Railway Department has had any enquiry made as to whether an over-bridge at this particular place is necessary or not.

SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY: I require notice.

SHRIMATI T. NALLAMUTHU RAMAMURTI: When these requests are made, they just show the urgency for such bridges. Are not such requests to be attended to? I don't understand the hon. Minister's answer—that "there are ever so many requests."

SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY: We do examine every request. We arrange priorities but I submit we suffer under the limitation of finance and resources.

SHRI V. C. KESAVA RAO: May I know whether it is not a fact that the Tenali Municipality has written to the Railway Ministry that they will bear a portion of the expenditure and

have requested the construction of the bridge at this place?

SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY: On that point, I require notice. I earlier submitted that the Andhra Government themselves have included this in their list.

SHRI V. PRASAD RAO: The hon. Minister said 'no' to part (a) of the question. At the same time he concedes that representation has been made by the Andhra Government. At the same time, is the Minister aware that prior to his taking charge, in this House itself many representations had been made for the construction of this over-bridge?

SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY: The question was whether it is a fact that a large number of representations have been made. To that the answer 'no' was given.

SHRI V. PRASAD RAO: What is the connotation that is attached to 'large'?

(No reply.)

*75. [For answer, vide cols. 668-69 infra.]

POULTRY DEVELOPMENT

*76. **SHRI V. C. KESAVA RAO:** Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the amount spent by the Central Government on poultry development during the last three years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA): Rs. 37.43 lakhs—Rs. 28.76 lakhs disbursed to the States as grant, Rs. 5.19 lakhs as loan and Rs. 3.48 lakhs for Central schemes.

SHRI V. C. KESAVA RAO: May I know, Sir, whether any chicks have been imported from foreign countries and distributed to the various States?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: Yes, we imported in the beginning of last year 30,000 chicks in a plane all the way from

America under the T.C.M. scheme and they were reared here in Delhi and they were distributed to all the States in India.

SHRI V. PRASAD RAO: Is there any scheme to have five model poultry farms started in five regions?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: Yes, five regional farms will be started all over India. The work connected with these is going on.

SHRI V. PRASAD RAO: What progress has been made regarding the starting of these five regional farms?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: For the regional farms, I just now referred to, we have acquired the land, and the plans for the buildings are being drawn up in the Central Public Works Department, and the work will be taken up very early.

SHRI V. PRASAD RAO: What will be the exact functions of these regional farms?

(No reply.)

SHRI V. C. KESAVA RAO: How have these chicks been faring? Have they been thriving?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: Yes, they have done very well and they have given the maximum number of eggs during the last ten months or so. These T.C.M. chicks are the best and I look after them, and enquire about their welfare. They are the best.

DR. R. P. DUBE: The Minister looks after chicks?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: Yes, whenever I visit the place, my first business is to enquire about the welfare of these T.C.M. chicks.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: Where will these regional farms be located?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: One regional farm is already working in Delhi Cantonment. Another is in Himachal Pradesh, the third in