

itself, but the initial expense by way of securing the area, provision of building and all that, furniture, electric fittings, that is paid by the railway administration.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: My question was: What is the normal annual expenditure of each of the institutes and how much of its maintenance at the moment is being contributed by the Government?

SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN: There are over 400 different institutes and the expenditure naturally varies from institute to institute.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: Any idea of it?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The position is this. The non-recurring expenses are met by the Government. The recurring expenses are borne by the staff members themselves from out of their contributions, and the expenses vary from institute to institute.

Questions are over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

MURDER OF RAILWAY EMPLOYEES ON THE DELHI-GHAZIABAD- SAHARANPUR SECTION OF NORTHERN RAILWAY

*252. SHRI H. V. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that two railway employees were murdered on the Delhi-Ghaziabad-Saharanpur Section of the Northern Railway in the month of October, 1957;

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, whether any enquiry has been made by Government in this matter and if so, with what result; and

tPostponed from the 2nd December 1957.

(c) what is the number of employees of Indian Railways murdered on duty since January, 1957?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN): (a) Yes.

(b) Vigorous investigation by Special Police Staff helped by Criminal Investigation Department of Uttar Pradesh is in progress.

(c) Four including the two referred to in part (a) above.

USE OF ALUMINIUM WIRES INSTEAD OF COPPER WIRES FOR TELEGRAPH TRANS- MISSION

*353. MOULANA M. FARUQI: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the feasibility of using aluminium wires, instead of copper wires for telegraph transmission lines is being considered by Government; and

(b) if so, whether it has been found practicable to replace the copper wire lines with aluminium wire lines?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI LAL BAHADUR): (a) Yes.

(b) Preliminary investigations have been made. But a definite answer can be given only after a field trial for which arrangements have been made.

DEVELOPMENT OF CO-OPERATIVE FARMING ON BHOODAN LAND

*354. MOULANA M. FARUQI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a scheme for the development of co-operative farming on bhoodan land collected by Acharya Vinobha Bhave was discussed and evolved at the conference held in Mysore during the end of September this year:

(b) if so, what are the broad outlines of the scheme; and

(c) what is the estimated cost of the scheme?