

reiterated the view already communicated by the Indian Coastal Conference to the Sethusamudram Project Committee that it would be difficult to make an accurate forecast of the quantum of coastal traffic at the end of the Second Five Year Plan but on a rough estimate the existing traffic might increase by about 50% both as a result of increased trading activities and of a co-ordinated scheme of transport. A more accurate estimate for the project will be prepared on the basis of the data available and a decision taken before the end of the current financial year.

SHRI S. C. KARAYALAR: May I ask whether the development of Tuticorin Port has been held up because no decision has been taken or the project has not been executed?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: It is a fact that the development of Tuticorin Port is very intimately linked up with the question of the acceptance of the Sethusamudrum Project; but that itself is under examination.

#### BRIDGE BETWEEN AROOR AND EDACOCHIN IN KERALA STATE

\*505 SHRI S. C. KARAYALAR: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the completion of the bridge between Aroor and Edacochin in Kerala State has been delayed on account of labour strike; and

(b) if so, what is the extent of the delay due to the strike?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The extent of delay due to the labour strike is five weeks in all.

SHRI S. C. KARAYALAR: Was the labour employed directly by contractors or by the Department itself?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: The work was awarded to Messrs. Prestressed

Concrete Construction Ltd., Madras, and the labour was under them.

SHRIMATI YASHODA REDDY: Which All India Labour Union controls the labour, Sir?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: My information is, that some Communist workers control this labour.

SHRI PERATH NARAYANAN NAIR: May I know if the construction is not already well ahead of the schedule?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: It has been delayed by five weeks or more on account of the strike that was staged.

#### हिमाचल प्रदेश के सहकारी संघ

\*५०६. श्री भैरों प्रसाद : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या यह सच है कि हिमाचल प्रदेश के प्रत्येक जिले में सहकारी संघ है, यदि हां, तो :

(क) उनका पंजीकरण कब किया गया ;

(ख) ३० जून, १९५७ को समाप्त हुये वर्ष में उनकी लेखा-परीक्षा अन्तिम बार कब हुई ;

(ग) प्रत्येक संघ की सदस्य संख्या कितनी है ;

(घ) प्रत्येक संघ की शेयर पूजी कितनी है ;

(ङ) रजिस्ट्रार तथा उपरजिस्ट्रार ने इन संघों के आरम्भ से इनका निरीक्षण कितनी बार किया ;

(च) इन संघों के पदाधिकारियों के चुनाव के विरुद्ध चुनाववाचिकायें कब से लम्बित हैं ; और

(छ) क्या इन संघों के सदस्य केवल सहकारी समितियां हैं या व्यक्ति भी ?

†[Co-OPERATIVE UNIONS IN HIMACHAL PRADESH

\*506. SHRI BHERON PRASAD: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state whether it is a fact that there are co-operative unions in each district of Himachal Pradesh; if so,

(a) when they were registered;

(b) when they were audited last during the year ended the 30th June, 1957;

(c) the number of members in each union;

(d) the amount of share capital of each union;

(e) the number of times these unions were inspected by the Registrar and Deputy Registrar since their inception;

(f) the time since when election petitions against the election of office bearers to these unions are pending; and

(g) whether only co-operative societies or individual persons also are members of these unions?]

सहकार मंत्री (डा० पी० एस० देशमुख):

(क) मे (छ). जानकारी इकट्ठी की जा रही है और सभा की टेबिल पर रख दी जायेगी।

†[THE MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION (DR. P. S. DESHMUKH): (a) to (g) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha.]

श्री भैरों प्रसाद : क्या यह सही है, कि कुछ प्राइमरी को-ऑपरेटिव सोसाइटीज, जिन्होंने डिस्ट्रिक्ट फेडरेशन, महासू के शेयर्स खरीदे थे, को रजिस्ट्रार ने मजबूर किया कि वे यूनियन के शेयर्स भी खरीदें ?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: As I said, Sir, the information is being collected.

श्री नवाब सिंह चौहान : क्या कारण है कि इस वक्त तक कुछ भी इन्कामेशन इकट्ठी नहीं हो सकी ? थोड़ी बहुत इन्कामेशन तो मिल सकती थी ?

डा० पी० एस० देशमुख : थोड़ी बहुत से शायद काम नहीं चलता।

कैंसर का कारण और उपचार

\*५०७. श्री नवाब सिंह चौहान : क्या स्वास्थ्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या तम्बाकू खाने से कैंसर होता है, इसका पता लगाने के लिये सरकार ने कोई परीक्षण किया है, यदि किया है तो उसका क्या परिणाम निकला और क्या इस के शमन की औषधि ढूँढने के लिये भी सरकार ने कोई प्रयत्न किये हैं; और

(ख) क्या सरकार को सूचना है कि आंध्र सरकार द्वारा स्थापित आयुर्वेदिक बोर्ड के अध्यक्ष डाक्टर ए० ए० लक्ष्मीपति एक संत की बताई हुई कैंसर की औषधि पर प्रयोग कर रहे हैं; यदि ऐसा है तो इस का विवरण क्या है और वह कितना काम कर चुके हैं तथा क्या उन्होंने केन्द्रीय सरकार से कोई सहायता मांगी है ?

†[CAUSE AND TREATMENT OF CANCER

\*507. SHRI NAWAB SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have carried out any investigation to find out whether the use of tobacco causes cancer; if so, what are the results thereof; and whether Government have made any efforts to find out some antidote for this; and

(b) whether Government are aware that Dr. A. Lakshmiapati, Chairman of the Ayurvedic Board set up by the Government of Andhra, is experimenting with a medicine for the treatment