

(a) the number of Ministers who travelled in railway saloons during the years 1954-55, 1955-56 and 1956-57;

(b) the cost per mile of carrying a railway saloon;

(c) the cost of manufacture of a railway saloon; and

(d) the number of saloons manufactured after 1947?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM): (a) to (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

DR. SHRIMATI SEETA PARMANAND: This is such a simple question. At least will the hon. Minister kindly give information about (b), (c) and (d)? 'The cost per mile of carrying a railway saloon'—that information must have been there all the time. Even if it takes time for the first part of the question, may I kindly have replies to these—the cost of manufacture of a railway saloon; and the number of saloons manufactured after 1947?

SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM: These also cannot be given, because it is not maintained by the Railway Board. It is maintained by the different Railway Administrations and we have to get this information from the various Railway Administrations.

DR. SHRIMATI SEETA PARMANAND: May I know approximately by what time the information would be made available?

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: As soon as they become available.

SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM: As soon as they are available.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Next question.

SHRI B. K. MUKERJEE: The Minister's saloons ...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I am going to the next question.

कम वर्षा वाले क्षेत्रों में सिंचाई के साधनों का सर्वेक्षण

*५६८. श्री नवाब सिंह चौहान: क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) बम्बई राज्य के कम वर्षा वाले क्षेत्रों में उपलब्ध सिंचाई के साधनों के बारे में इंडो-अमेरिकन टेकनीकल एसिस्टेंस प्रोग्राम के अधीन जो सर्वेक्षण किया जा रहा है, उसमें अब तक क्या प्रगति हुई है और इस सर्वेक्षण के कब तक पूर्ण होने की आशा है; और

(ख) इस सर्वेक्षण पर केन्द्र तथा राज्यों की सरकारें कितना धन खर्च करेंगी और इस योजना के अधीन कितनी भूमि में सिंचाई हो सकेगी?

†[SURVEY OF MEANS OF IRRIGATION IN AREAS WITH SCANTY RAINFALL]

*568. **SHRI NAWAB SINGH CHAUHAN:** Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the progress so far made in the survey carried on under the Indo-American Technical Assistance Programme regarding the means of irrigation available in those regions of Bombay State where rainfall is scanty, and the time by when the survey is expected to be completed; and

(b) the amount of money to be spent by the State and Central Governments on the survey and the area likely to be irrigated under this scheme?]

सहकार मंत्री (डा० पी० एस० वेशमूल):

(क) शायद, यह संदर्भ बम्बई सरकार के पानी साधन के सर्वेक्षण और छोटी सिंचाई के काम की प्रयोजना के सम्बन्ध में है। इस प्रयोजना की वर्तमान अवधि ३१-५-५८ तक है लेकिन ये बढ़ाई जा सकती है।

†[] English translation.

SHRI M. B. JOSHI: A report that sixteen workshops for manufacturing sleepers for the Bhavnagar-Tarapur line have been started was published in a Gujarati paper. May I know whether this report is correct?

SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM: Who was manufacturing sleepers?

SHRI M. B. JOSHI: It is said that sixteen firms or workshops are manufacturing sleepers for the Bhavnagar-Tarapur line and the work has started in Tarapur. I want to know whether this is correct.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Some Gujarati paper has published that sixteen workshops are manufacturing sleepers for that particular line. Is it a fact?

SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM: It cannot be a fact. As I have said, this line is not included in the Second Five Year Plan, and, therefore, it is beyond all comprehension that sleepers are being manufactured for that purpose.

SHRI M. B. JOSHI: Is it a fact, whether the Government have received any proposal for constructing Jhund-Malia-Kandla broad gauge line during the Second Plan period and, if so what action has been taken?

SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM: I cannot give any reply beyond these two special lines which have been mentioned in this question.

SHRI LAVJI LAKHAMSHI: With regard to his reply to part (c), may I know whether the construction proposal is with regard to Jhund and Jamnagar or Jhund and Kandla?

SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM: The question is between Jhund and Jamnagar and my reply relates to that.

SHRI LAVJI LAKHAMSHI: The reply of the hon. Minister was that it is not contemplated to construct under the Second Five Year Plan.

That means there is already a proposal. Is there a proposal for a broad gauge railway line between Jhund and Jamnagar or between Jhund and Kandla?

SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM: For that I will require notice.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Question hour is over. Short Notice Questions.

SHORT NOTICE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

STATEMENT MADE BY THE FINANCE MINISTER OF PAKISTAN IN CONNECTION WITH THE CANAL WATER DISPUTE

10. SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government of India has been drawn to a statement made by the Finance Minister of Pakistan in the Pakistan National Assembly to the effect that India's attitude in respect of the canal water dispute was against the very spirit of the co-operative effort under the good offices of the World Bank and that India was going back on her own commitments; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI S. K. PATIL): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Pakistan Finance Minister's statement in the National Assembly on the 31st August 1957, as reported in the Pakistan Press is misleading. The correct position is:

The Bank Proposal of February 1954 stipulated a transition period of about 5 years during which Pakistan was expected to complete the necessary link canals for replacing supplies from India. It may be recalled that in the statement made by me to the House on the 21st August, 1957, it was indicated that although the transition period according to the Bank