

cement or because we are making extravagant use of cement?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: It is not that we are making extravagant use of cement but we feel the shortage of cement and for the purpose of economy we are mixing this.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: Is it not true that certain experts have said that under certain conditions the use of this particular material is most inadvisable?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Certain other experts have said something else.

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: May I know the annual consumption of cement in India as compared with other countries?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: We are using about 4.2 million tons of cement annually and now, as hon. Members know, our target is about 14 million tons in the second Five Year Plan.

INCOME FROM TOURIST TRAFFIC

***276. SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK:** Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the income derived by Government from tourist traffic during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): The foreign exchange earnings from tourists estimated by the Reserve Bank of India are as follows:—

1954	Rs.	8.4	crores
1955	Rs.	10.1	crores
1956	(Jan-June)		Rs.	7.3	crores

The figures for 1956 are provisional and liable to revision.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: May I know whether the income from tourist traffic is straightway taken to

the Consolidated Fund or whether it is being distributed to the States concerned?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: The income from tourist traffic is income from the tourists who incur expenditure in so many ways when they go to so many places, during their visits to this country. But the overall position is that the country gains foreign exchange from whatever is spent in the country during these visits.

SHRIMATI MAYA DEVI CHETTRY: May I know the income derived from each State during the period mentioned here?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: I think the hon. Lady Member means countries from which we have been getting tourists.

SHRIMATI MAYA DEVI CHETTRY: No, I meant States.

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: State-wise it will not be possible to give figures because they go about the country and spend money in different parts of the country.

SHRI V. K. DHAGE: Is Government taking any steps to improve tourist traffic in order to earn more foreign exchange and if so what are those steps?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: We are taking quite a few steps to encourage tourism.

***277, *278 and *279.** [The questioner (Moulana M. Faruqi) was absent. For answers, vide cols. 1784—86 infra.]

F.A.O. GRANT FOR MADRAS MILK SUPPLY SCHEME

***280. SHRI TAJAMUL HUSAIN:** Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United

Nations has agreed to make a free grant of certain machinery for the dairy plant that is to be installed under the Madras Government's Comprehensive Scheme for a cattle colony at Madhavaram near Madras City?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA): No.

SHRI N. RAMAKRISHNA IYER: May I know the financial commitments of the Centre and the State Governments with regard to this scheme?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: This question is about foreign aid to the Madras milk scheme and I stated that there was no foreign aid now. There is some foreign aid to the other schemes in Bombay and Calcutta but not to this Madras scheme.

MAIN MILITARY ROAD FROM DELHI TO FAZILKA via ROHTAK AND HISSAR

*281. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that broadening and straightening process of the Main Military Road from Delhi to Fazilka via Rohtak and Hissar has been stopped beyond Rohtak;

(b) if so, what is the reason therefor; and

(c) whether Government propose to re-commence this process in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a), (b) and (c). No, some works of improvement are already in hand. Other works, including widening road crust to 22ft. from Rohtak to Hissar, are provided in the 2nd Plan and will be undertaken as funds become available. Due to short-

tage of funds this year further new works are not proposed to be sanctioned until the next year.

SHRI B. K. P. SINHA: May I know, Sir, if this road is an ordinary type of road or a military road, in some special sense; the road from Delhi to Fazilka?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: The road from Delhi to Fazilka, for us it is National Highway No. 10.

*282. [For answer, vide cols. 1744-48 supra.]

TRAINING OF AUXILIARY NURSES AND MIDWIVES FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

*283. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister of COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal under consideration to train auxiliary nurses and mid-wives for the Community Development Programmes;

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, whether any private institutions have come forward to give training; and if so, which are they, and what assistance they require; and

(c) how many such auxiliary nurses and mid-wives are expected to be trained during the Second Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. K. DEY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes. A list of such Institutions is placed on the Table. These institutions require assistance for alterations to buildings, stipends for students, pay of the additional nursing staff, and contingencies.

(c) 6,000.