

6. This will be considered by the Central Soil Conservation Board.

7. A scheme regarding the Land Use Survey and Planning Organisation has already been sanctioned before Dr. R. M. Gorrie's arrival and the scheme is being implemented.

8. The question of constituting the Central Soil Conservation Service had been considered before. It was decided that the position should be watched for sometime more, say, one or two years, before a decision is taken.

9. A proposal to this effect has been under the consideration of the Government of India for some time past but was not pursued as it was brought that the provision of the required number of technical officers at headquarters in the Ministry would be adequate. The suggestion is, however, being re-examined.

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: May I know, Sir, whether he has also suggested a scheme for training village level workers in soil conservation?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: I cannot say beyond what is mentioned in the statement. I do not know if this suggestion would be contained in his report, which is still awaited.

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: With reference to item 8 in the statement may I know how many officers who are now trained in soil conservation are available?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: I would require notice of the question.

IMPROVEMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS FOR PLACES OF BUDDHIST INTEREST IN ORISSA

*98. SHRI GOVIND CHANDRA MISRA: Will the Minister for TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the steps so far taken by Government for the improvement of the means of communications for the places of Buddhist interest in Orissa with a view to attract tourists and Buddhist pilgrims?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): The Government of India have not sanctioned any scheme in Orissa with the specific object of attracting tourists and Buddhist pilgrims to places of Buddhist interest.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: May I know, Sir, what are the places which have got tourist interest and which require to be developed, I mean development of tourist traffic?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: It appears that the places of Buddhist interest are Lalgiri, Ratnagiri and Udaigiri.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: May I know, Sir, whether any communication development has taken place or is under the contemplation of the Government in respect of development of communications to Konark?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: As per entry No. 23 in the Union List contained in the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution we are responsible for construction and development of national highways declared as such by law made by Parliament and for certain other construction and development of roads in the Union Territories and in certain other limited sector only.

INCREASE OF MOSQUITOES IN DELHI

*99. DR. W. S. BARLINGAY: Will the Minister for HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there has been enormous increase of mosquitoes in Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the causes of this increase;

(c) whether there has been any increase of malaria cases in Delhi as a result of this; and

(d) what steps Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR): (a) Yes, there was some increase in certain localities in April this year.