

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA:
We expect a considerable increase in food production- I am prepared to provide the exact figures if notice is given.

*242. and *243. [For answers, vide cols. 1894-1896 infra.]

*244. [The questioner (Shri J. V. K-Vallabharao) was absent, for answer, vide col. 1897 infra.]

*245. [The questioner (Shri Deoki-nandan Narayan, was absent. For answer, vide col. 1897 infra.]

*246. [Postponed to the 20th December 1956.]

DEVELOPMENT OF CALICUT PORT AS AND ALL WEATHER PORT

*236. SHRI M. VALIULLA (ON BE-HALF OF MOULANA M. FARUQI): Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to make Calicut an all-weather port; and

(b) if so, what will be the cost of the scheme ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: May I know on which particular port attention of the Central Government has been bestowed between Cochin and Bombay harbours ?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: There are programmes of development for all the minor ports both on the west coast and on the east coast.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: What is the programme so far as the Calicut port is concerned ?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN:
Calicut is linked with another port called Beypore. These two form a unit and the programme relating to these

two ports is as follows: provision of electric cranes, provision of grab dredger, provision of punts for Beypore, provision of Agabuoy, construction of a slip-way at Beypore. All these will come to Rs. 4,20,000 during the course of the second Plan.

SHRI H. C. DASAPPA: May I know whether there is any idea to convert Mangalore into an all-weather port ?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: That is being investigated, there were experiments carried out regarding Mangalore and we also have received a report. The matter is still under consideration.

SHRI H. C. DASSAPA: May I know what has happened to the recommendation of the Kasturbhai Lalbhai Committee that Malpe should be converted into a deep sea port?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN:
The question was whether it should be Malpe or Mangalore. Experiments were conducted with reference to Mangalore. If the hon-Member puts a separate question, I shall be able to supply the information.

IRRIGATION AND POWER GENERATION BY THE HIRAKUD DAM

*242- SHRI M. VALIULLA (ON BEHALF OF MOULANA M. FARUQI): Will the Minister for IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total acreage of land so far brought under irrigation by the Hira-kud Dam; and

(b) whether power generation has started at the dam and if so, to what extent ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI J. S. L. HATHI): (a) Out of 4 54 lakh acres culturable commanded area, one lakh acres are being served with water from this season.

(b) Out of the 4 units under erection, one unit of 24,000 K. W. is ready and will be commissioned in January 1957.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: May I know when will the entire land be brought under cultivation? How long will it take?

SHRI J.S.L. HATHI: By 1958-59.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: May I know what are the places expected to be electrified with the power that will be generated?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: Power will be generally utilised by various industries, the aluminium factories, ferro-manganese, steel, cement and paper.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: What is the probable date by which electric supply will be made available?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: During 1957 we shall be able to have all the units generating 1,23,000 k. w.

SHRI KISHEN CHAND: May I know whether this land which is receiving water has been prepared for wet cultivation ?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: One lakh acres have been prepared.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Is the canal system also ready at Hirakud ?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: The whole of it is not ready; out of 544 miles 212 miles have been completed.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW PASSENGER TRAINS ON RAILWAYS

*243. SHRI M. VALIULLA (ON BEHALF OF MOULANA M. FARUQI):

Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state the number of new passenger trains so far introduced during the year 1956-57 in each zone?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix, XV Annex-ure No. 56.]

SHRI M. VALIULLA: May I know how many trains have been discontinued ?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: No trains have been discontinued as far as I am aware.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Because there is difference between trains discontinued and those introduced newly. What is the number of additional trains after deducting the discontinued trains ?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: I cannot give the hon. Member an exact assurance that no train has been discontinued. If any train had been discontinued, it must have been discontinued for very good reasons; probably there was no traffic justification. In fact, our policy has been consistently to increase the number of trains and so far we have introduced 74 broad gauge and 46 metre gauge trains.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: May I know if there is likely to be any increase in the number of trains, and if so by how many ?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: We propose to increase the number of trains. By the 31st March 1957 we hope to introduce 42 more broad gauge and 24 more metre gauge trains.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: And how many are to be extended ?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: I shall require notice for that.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Questions are over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

FACTORY FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF TOFFEES FROM FRUITS

*233. SHRI DEOKTNANDAN NARAYAN: Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a factory for the manufacture of toffees from fruits, such as bananas, jackfruit and guava; and