

contributed in the form of voluntary labour by the local population concerned.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: May I know if the Government is aware of the fact that a number of State Governments had prepared their own schemes and that on account of paucity of funds they could not implement them?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: They may relate to only work like district highways, etc. But this relates to village communications, the amount which has to be spent on the basis which I just now mentioned. There is no paucity of funds for this purpose. In fact, we would like the volume of this kind of work to increase.

DR. R. B. GOUR: Has the Hyderabad Government suggested any scheme?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: Every Government has suggested.

PANDIT S. S. N. TANKHA: May I know how many miles of village roads can be constructed for a sum of Rs. 3 lakhs which has been sanctioned?

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You must ask the Uttar Pradesh Government.

SHRI P. N. SAPRU: Will the Government publish the report of the progress made so far, or an extract of it?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: This relates to small village roads. I do not think it is very necessary to publish these reports.

DR. P. C. MITRA: May I know whether this amount is given as a loan or as a grant?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: It is given as a grant.

EXPORT ADVICE ON CONSTRUCTION OF ZOO AT DELHI

*117. **SHRI V. S. SARWATE:** Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any report or memorandum has been presented by Mr. Carl Hagenbeck, who was invited by Government for advice regarding the construction of a zoo at Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the main recommendations made by him and what action Government have taken thereon; and

(c) what is the total expenditure incurred by Government in getting this advice?

THE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE (DR. P. S. DESHMUKH): (a) Yes; a preliminary report has been presented.

(b) The report is of a general nature containing suggestions regarding the broad lines on which a zoological park should be planned and developed around the historic Purana Qila and contains an offer to provide detailed working plans and designs and technical assistance in executing the project. The suggestions are under consideration.

(c) Rs. 15,500.

SHRI V. K. DHAGE: Are there any other places where zoos are being constructed or for which advice is being invited?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: Not for the present.

SHRI V. PRASAD RAO: Could not the Government of India find any Indian expert to give advice on this matter?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: We have not been able to find a competent expert for doing these things.

SHRI V. K. DHAGE: Is it a fact that the Hyderabad Government has also advised on this?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: I could not say, Sir.

DR. R. P. DUBE: I want to ask whether Government thought that Delhi is the proper place for a zoo.

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: That is why they have selected this place. We can construct zoos all over India.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: May I know when the work is likely to be undertaken?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: I cannot definitely say. We want to expedite as much as possible and we are expecting plans and estimates also from this German expert who has gone back.

SHRI H. C. DASAPPA: May I know whether the choice of the selection of the zoo was decided upon by the Government or was it on the advice of this expert?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: I would like notice.

SHRI H. C. DASAPPA: May I know whether he has been asked to tender advice in regard to the location of a zoo?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: Evidently. Whether we decided this part or he investigated it, evidently we are not in disagreement with the choice.

SHRI H. C. DASAPPA: Is not necessarily a great amount of air-conditioning required for many of these animals which are to be located in this zoo?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: Their habits are yet to be spoiled by air-conditioning.

SHRI B. K. P. SINHA: May I know if, in view of the fact that there is a proposal to make Hyderabad the second Capital of India, Government

will consider the question of establishing a second zoo there?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: I am not aware of any such decision or any such proposal. Well, if a zoo is necessary for a capital, I am sure that, if the Capital goes to Hyderabad, the zoo also will go there.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: Has the selection of specimens already started?

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I was wondering why such a question was not asked.

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: I am sure that all the Members of the House will know about it when it comes.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members may choose and make suggestions.

SHRIMATI T. NALLAMUTHU RAMAMURTI: Mr. Carl Hagenbeck is an expert adviser on zoos. Will his services be made available to all the States at the expense of the Union Government?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: I do not think there will be any difficulty if the State Governments would like to have a zoo on the same pattern. Expert advice may also be available.

CHAIR CARS FOR FIRST CLASS PASSENGERS

*118. DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of 'Chair Cars' so far manufactured for the use of first class passengers;

(b) how many of them have already been put into service; and

(c) the number of trains on which it is proposed to provide Chair Car service in the near future?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): (a) One.