

सेशन के प्रेसीडेंट ने यहां यह बयान दिया कि चीन में, कदीम तरीका इलाज और जदीद तरीका इलाज मिला कर, उन्होंने अपने मुल्क के लिये एक बेहतरीन स्कीम बनाई है और उस पर वह अमल कर रहे हैं ?]

राजकुमारी अमृतकाँर : जनाब, मुझे मालूम नहीं है कि किसने यह कहा है। लेकिन जहां तक मेरे पास खबर आई है यह जो कहा गया है गलत है।

*435 and *436. [For answers, vide cols. 2775-2776 infra.]

CONSTRUCTION OF TITILGARH-SAMBALPUR RAILWAY LINE

*437. SHRI S. PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction of Titilgarh-Sambalpur railway line has been started; and

(b) whether any blueprint of this railway line has been prepared?

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

(b) A traffic survey has been done but the engineering survey of a portion of the line remains to be completed.

PROF. G. RANGA: Is it necessary for the Government to wait for that other investigation also to be completed before they take any final decision to construct this line or has it been possible for them to take a decision?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: We have yet to consider and I don't think it will take time and we may take a favourable decision.

SHRI S. PANIGRAHI: When is the survey to be completed?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: I cannot exactly indicate the time but it will be completed shortly—that I can say.

DAMAGE TO SUGARCANE CROP DUE TO PESTS

*418. DR. RADHA KUMUD MOOKERJI (ON BEHALF OF SHRI B. P. AGARWAL): Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment has been made of the extent of loss which the country suffers every year in the yield and sucrose content of sugarcane crop as a result of infestation by borer pests;

(b) whether any successful remedy has been discovered to check such infestation; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take in this direction?

THE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE (DR. P. S. DESHMUKH): (a) No precise assessment of the extent of loss which the sugarcane crop suffers due to attack of borer pests in the country as a whole has been made so far. Nor is it easy to do so as the sugarcane crop is attacked by several types of borer pests and to varying degrees in different parts of the country.

(b) and (c). Yes. There are a number of mechanical, cultural and chemical measures, which are being effectively used to check and reduce the incidence of damage due to attack of borer pests.

DR. RADHA KUMUD MOOKERJI: Is it a fact that as much as 1/4th to 1/3rd of sugar is lost due to the reduced outturn in the yield of sugarcane and sugar per acre as a result of this trouble from pests?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: Yes, it will depend upon the virulence of the attack and it could even be probably cent. per cent.

DR. RADHA KUMUD MOOKERJI: Is it a fact that the total cumulative effect of this loss is as much as 5 lakh tons of sugar which is almost equal to the target of increased capacity which we are aiming at?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: I don't think it would be as high as that. But as I said it is not possible for us to calculate it.

DR. RADHA KUMUD MOOKERJI: May I know whether any large-scale application of insecticides with the help of helicopters has been tried anywhere and, if so, what the result thereof is?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: We have not tried helicopters on sugarcane so far, nor anywhere else as a matter of fact, but we do subsidise the use of insecticides to the extent of 50 per cent, whenever there is an attack and the use of insecticides is likely to prove effective.

DR. RADHA KUMUD MOOKERJI: Is it considered that the application of these insecticides will be economically possible in our country?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: Never anywhere on any extensive scale but it is useful indeed to try now and again in some areas.

DR. RADHA KUMUD MOOKERJI: Considering the huge economic losses that are inflicted by this pest, is it not time that the Government go seriously into this matter and adopt modern methods of insecticides?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: So far as it lies within our resources and within our power, we are conscious of the damage that is likely to occur.

मध्य भारत के लिए ट्रैक्टर

*४२२. श्री कृष्णकान्त व्यास : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि भारत सरकार द्वारा मध्य भारत सरकार

को अब तक कितने ट्रैक्टर दिये जा चुके हैं और इन ट्रैक्टरों का क्या मूल्य है ?

†[TRACTORS FOR MADHYA BHARAT

*433. SHRI KRISHNAKANT VYAS: Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the number and value of tractors so far supplied by the Government of India to the Government of Madhya Bharat?]

कृषि मंत्री (डा० पी० एस० वंशमुख) : भारत सरकार ने मध्य भारत सरकार को अभी तक न कोई ट्रैक्टर बचे हैं ना ही कर्ज वगैराह पर दिये हैं ।

†[THE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE (DR. P. S. DESHMUKH): No tractors have so far been supplied to the Madhya Bharat Government by way of sale, loan, etc. by the Government of India.]

श्री कृष्णकान्त व्यास : क्या मध्य भारत ने सेंट्रल ट्रैक्टर आर्गनाइजेशन से कुछ ट्रैक्टरों की मांग की है ?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: Not to my knowledge.

श्री कृष्णकान्त व्यास : क्या भारत सरकार या राज्य सरकारों की ऐसी कोई योजना है जिसके अन्तर्गत किसानों को ट्रैक्टर दिये जाने का कोई प्रबन्ध हो ?

डा० पी० एस० वंशमुख : जब कोई स्टेट गवर्नमेंट पैसे की और कर्ज की हमारे पास मांग करती है कि वह काश्तकारों को कुछ ट्रैक्टर खरीदने के लिये दें और अगर वह अच्छी स्कीम है तो हम मदद देते हैं ।

श्री कृष्णकान्त व्यास : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि ट्रैक्टर राज्य सरकारों को केंद्रीय सरकार के द्वारा दिये जाते हैं अथवा राज्य सरकारें खरीदती हैं ?

डा० पी० एस० वंशमुख : राज्य सरकारें खुद खरीदती हैं ।

*English translation.