

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.