

PROF. N. R. MALKANI: Sir, is it a fact that Rajasthan has some of the best cattle in the country, and they can be bred in the desert, if there is proper cultivation? Are you aware of that fact?

DR P. S. DESHMUKH: It is quite obvious.

SHRI H C. MATHUR: Is it not a fact that according to the best scientific opinion Rajasthan is not a desert?

DR P. S. DESHMUKH: I agree with the hon. Member.

SHRI N. D. M. PRASADARAO: Did the Government study the Soviet method of desert control?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: The Soviet method also was known to the World Forestry Congress which met in India, and the proposals arising from the deliberations of the Congress, I am sure, took due note of the method.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Next question.

#### TRAINING OF INDIANS AT KANDLA PORT

\*141 PROF N. R. MALKANI: Will the Minister for TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of (i) Indian, and (ii) foreign officers drawing Rs. 1,000 or above employed by the company to which Government have given the contract for the construction of the Kandla Port; and

(b) the number of Indians who are being trained by the company for highly technical port construction work?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN) (a) Four Indians and 21 foreigners.

(b) Seventeen.

PROF. N R. MALKANI: Sir, is it not a fact that the work which is being done there is not very much the work of a specialist, and there are

too many foreigners who are called experts?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: Sir, the work of constructing the Kandla Port has been entrusted to a firm which is a combination of two German firms and one Indian firm. Originally there were one German firm and two Indian firms out of which one is out. And the only firm that remains is the Sindhu Resettlement Corporation. They are co-operating with these German firms and they are carrying out the work. The terms of the contract provide that they can employ German technicians. They also provide that they should train Indian personnel under them. The firm is giving training to the Indian personnel. Their number is seventeen, as I have said in the answer.

PROF N. R. MALKANI: Sir, I had been there recently. To my knowledge that number is incorrect. And, is it a fact, Sir, that the payment made to both is very discriminatory? The Indian staff is paid much less than the German staff for the same kind of work and for the same status and position.

SHRI O V. ALAGESAN: My information does not bear out what the hon Member says. One Indian has been employed as Commercial Manager on a salary of Rs. 2,500 and the Technical Manager, who is a German, is also receiving Rs. 2,500 only.

PROF. N. R. MALKANI: Has the Port Commissioner

MR. CHAIRMAN: That will do

\*142. [The questioner (Shri S. N. Dwivedy) was absent. For answer, vide col 728 infra.]

#### बिहार में काम दिलाऊ दफ्तर

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(क) बिहार में नौकरी दफ्तर कहां कहां हैं ;

(ख) उनका पिछला निरीक्षण कब किया