

**EQUIPMENT FOR THE UPPER GANGA
PILOT PROJECT**

*477 SHRI M. VALIULLA (ON BEHALF OF MOULANA M. FARUQI). Will the Minister for TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the equipment required for the Upper Ganga Pilot Project will be manufactured in India or it will be imported from foreign countries; and

(b) if it is to be imported, the countries from which it will be imported?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): (a) The equipment required for the Upper Ganga Pilot Project will be built in India.

(b) Does not arise.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: What is the cost of the equipment that will be built in India?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: About 17·3 lakhs, Sir.

LOCUST INVASIONS

*479. SHRI M. VALIULLA (ON BEHALF OF MOULANA M. FARUQI): Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the extent of damage caused to crops on account of locust invasions during 1954-55?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA): The damage caused to crops is estimated to be about Rs 50,00,000.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Has any good result been shown after steps were taken to prevent such invasion and destruction of crops?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: Yes, Sir. But for our all-out efforts to put down this locust menace, the loss would have been in terms of crops

Last year, in the course of one year alone, 176 swarms came into India and we were able to destroy all these except four. Even the four were destroyed some time later. If there was not this all-out effort on our part, the loss would have been much more.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: May I know the expenditure incurred by the Government in that year to destroy these locusts?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: The exact expenditure incurred by the Government cannot be given.

PROF. G. RANGA: Is any effort being made by the Union and the State Governments to give relief to the kisans who have had to suffer all this loss, either by way of remission of land revenue or any other relief?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: Out of this Rs 50 lakhs spent, three-fourths of this amount was spent in Rajasthan. The Rajasthan Government has declared these villages as scarcity affected areas and some relief work is being given to those parts.

SHRI KANHAIYALAL D. VAIDYA: May I know the States in which these attacks take place?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: There are so many vulnerable States. Generally the locusts come from Pakistan, enter into Rajasthan and go to Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Bombay.

PROF. G. RANGA: Delhi?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: Delhi is included in Uttar Pradesh.

MR CHAIRMAN: Questions are over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

**HOSPITAL TO BE SET UP UNDER THE MICA
MINES LABOUR WELFARE FUND**

*463 SHRI R. G. AGARWALA: Will the Minister for LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Mica Mines Labour Welfare Advisory Committee recommended for the establishment of a hospital at Tisri more than a year back; and

(b) if so, the reasons why sanction therefor has not been accorded so far?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR LABOUR (SHRI ABID ALI): (a) Yes.

(b) I fear there has been delay in this case. Enquiries about the State plan for this area had to be made and estimates had to be examined. I have ordered that the sanction should now issue without delay.

रैलवे श्रमिकों की चिकित्सा

३१८. श्री कृष्णकान्त व्यास : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) १९५४ में दैनिक मजूरी पर रखे गए रैलवे मजदूरों के लिए इलाज सम्बन्धी व्यवस्था पर कितना खर्च किया गया, और

(ख) इससे कितने आदिमियों को लाभ पहुँचा ?

†[MEDICAL TREATMENT OF RAILWAY LABOURERS

318. SHRI KRISHNAKANT VYAS: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent in 1954 for the provision of medical treatment of the Railway labourers employed on daily wages; and

(b) the number of people who have benefited thereby?]

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): (a) and (b). As the available medical facilities on Railways are used jointly by all categories of staff, including labourers employed on daily wages, in accordance with the rules governing medical attendance, it is not possible to give this information separately. However, the total amount spent during the year 1953-54 on medical services and the total

number of railway employees, including labourers on daily wages, were as follows:—

(1) Total amount spent on medical services in 1953-54—Rs. 1,60,79,526

(11) Total number of railway employees—Rs. 950,101.

(111) No. of labourers on daily wages out of (11) above—Rs. 119,500.

मध्यभारत के लिए गाँवों में पहुँचाने वाली सड़कों

३१९. श्री कृष्णकान्त व्यास : क्या परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि गाँव-पथ विकास सहकारी योजना के अन्तर्गत मध्यभारत सरकार को उस राज्य में गाँवों को पहुँचाने वाली सड़कों के निर्माण के लिए कितनी राशि दी गई ?

†[VILLAGE APPROACH ROADS FOR MADHYA BHARAT

319. SHRI KRISHNAKANT VYAS: Will the Minister for TRANSPORT be pleased to state the amount of money given to Madhya Bharat Government under the Village Road Development Co-operative Scheme for the construction of village approach roads in that State?]

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†[THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): Rs. 3 lakhs.]

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३२०. श्री कृष्णकान्त व्यास : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) सन् १९५४ में विभिन्न रेलवे द्वारा किस-किस प्रकार के रियायती टिकट जारी किए गए थे;

(ख) हर प्रकार के टिकट कितनी कितनी अवधि के लिए चालू थे, और