

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: You mean of the new engines?

SHRI B. RATH: Any broad gauge engine.

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: The statement refers to narrow gauge engines.

SHRI B. RATH: Broad gauge engine at a cost of Rs. 65,000 each.

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: The statement shows that the total number of engines purchased is 12. Out of them, four have been purchased for Rs. 2,53,648, four for Rs. 5,53,923 and four for Rs. 4,77,316.

SHRI B. RATH: Last year, a sum of Rs. 5,20,000 was budgeted for the purchase of eight broad gauge locos. How much of it has been spent and how many engines have been purchased and at what cost?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: I will look into the matter and let the hon. Member know.

SHRI B. RATH: May I know if this Hirakud Dam construction work requires 12 broad gauge engines for running in the Hirakud area? It has besides three narrow gauge engines.

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: Yes, Sir. There is work not only for the Dam, but, there are sixteen miles of earthwork going on and the engines are required for carrying stone, cement, concrete. It may not be a continuous and long track from one place to another.

SHRI B. RATH: May I know to which side this broad gauge line has been extended?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: Both, I think.

SHRI B. RATH: I submit that it is not a fact.

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: That is not a fact?

MR. CHAIRMAN: If it is not a fact what is the point of your asking?

SHRI B. RATH: The hon. Minister said that these engines are being used for carrying stones, sand, earth, this and that to the area in which earthwork is being done now. The earthwork that is being done is in the dykes and the earth dam. In other areas some concrete work is being done. So what I wanted to know.....

MR. CHAIRMAN: Next question.

REPLACEMENT OF BATCHING PLANT-MARSHALL

*507. SHRI B. RATH: Will the Minister for IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the petrol engine of the Batching Plant-Marshall purchased during the financial year 1952-53 has been replaced by Diesel Engine;

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, what was the additional cost of replacement; and

(c) to what use the petrol engine of the Batching Plant has been put to?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR PLANNING & IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI J. S. L. HATHI): (a) There is no petrol or Diesel Engine on the Batching Plant purchased from Messrs. Marshall & Sons.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

SHRI B. RATH: Apparently there has been a little mistake in printing the question. My question was not about Batching Plant but about 'dumper'.

BUILDINGS FOUND LEAKING IN HIRAKUD

*508. SHRI S. MAHANTY: Will the Minister for IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of buildings in Hirakud and Burla which were found leaking in 1952-53 during the rainy season and the total cost of such buildings; and

(b) what steps Government have taken against the contractors concerned?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR PLANNING & IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI J. S. L. HATHI):

Rs.

(a) Hirakud .. 1½ per cent. 68,000
Burla .. 8 per cent. 8,41,000

(b) Wherever the leakage was due to the fault of contractors, it was rectified at their cost.

SHRI S. MAHANTY: I could not exactly follow the first part of the answer.

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI:

Rs.

“(a) Hirakud .. 1½ per cent. 68,000
Burla .. 8 per cent. 8,41,000.”

SHRI S. MAHANTY: Who are the contractors who were engaged on this work?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: If the hon. Member wants the names I will require notice.

SHRI S. MAHANTY: May I inform the hon. Minister.....

Mr. CHAIRMAN: You are supposed to elicit information and not give information.

SHRI S. MAHANTY: May I ask if he has not any information that the number that he has cited just now is much less than the actual number of leaky buildings?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: If that is your information I will take the suggestion from you and will check up.

SHRI S. MAHANTY: May I know from where the hon. Minister got the information?

SHRI M. P. N. SINHA: Did the Government issue any communique regarding this leakage business recently? Did they issue any communique about

two months ago with regard to this leakage business?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: I do not think that any communique was issued about the buildings in Hirakud and Burla.

SHRI M. P. N. SINHA: Are the Government aware that there was a Government press communique saying that there was no leakage?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: That was perhaps with regard to some other thing.

SHRI RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: Who was responsible for these constructions and, are they still on the list of approved contractors?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: That will depend upon the nature of the defect. If the defect is serious, naturally they will not be on the list.

SHRI RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: I just want to know whether any of them has been removed from the list or not.

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: I think none has been removed.

SHRI B. RATH: May I know, Sir, if the buildings at Hirakud site were constructed earlier than the buildings at Burla site?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: I want notice; it is a matter of detail.

SHRI B. RATH: According to the answer of the hon. Minister the buildings at Burla site are more leaky than the buildings at Hirakud site. But the buildings at Hirakud site were constructed earlier than those at Burla site.

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: Maybe.

SHRI B. RATH: So am I to understand, Sir, that in the progress of the work itself leaky buildings are being constructed?

(No reply.)