

SHRI B. RATH: Is it a fact that these tractors were lying in the workshops and were constantly under repair and had not done the maximum amount of work that they ought to have done during the year 1952-53 and even earlier?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: That is not my information.

PROF. G. RANGA: May I know, Sir, whether anybody is making a check up at all?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: Yes.

(Interruption by Shri B. Rath.)

PROF. G. RANGA: From the answers that my hon. friend has been giving, it looks as if the Government is not having any check up at all as to whether these things are being worked at all. Here is a specific question, and if you kindly look into the answers he has been giving, they are most unsatisfactory.

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: Sir, a check up is there. Log books are being maintained, hours of work are maintained and they are checked. At present, I have not got the information with me. It is a minor matter.

PROF. G. RANGA: Whether these tractors were being put to that much of use as they are capable of was the question that was put by my hon. friend. Now, the hon. Minister ought to be able to assure himself first of all whether any use is being made of these tractors.

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: That is what I said. I will look into the matter and find out how much work has been done by each tractor.

SHRI B. RATH: Is it a fact that Rs. 44 lakhs has been spent for the purchase of these tractors, and does the Government consider that this is a minor matter?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Next question.

ENGINES USED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF
HIRAKUD DAM

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

(a) what was the total number of narrow gauge and broad gauge engines and wagons used on the construction of the Hirakud Dam Project up to the end of 1952-53;

(b) what are the sources from which these were obtained; and

(c) what was the price paid for each?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR PLANNING & IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI J. S. L. HATHI) : (a) to (c). A statement giving the required information is placed on the Table of the Council. [See Appendix IV, Annexure No. 125.]

SHRI B. RATH: What were the broad gauge engines that were purchased last year?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: The statement gives the total number of engines purchased but I have not got the breakup as to each year.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE: Sir, that is rather unsatisfactory.

SHRI B. RATH: Is it a fact that last year an amount of Rs. 5,20,000 was budgeted for the purchase of 8 engines?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: It was budgeted for, but I don't think all have been purchased.

SHRI B. RATH: How many have been purchased and at what cost?

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

SHRI B. RATH: Will the hon. Minister please say which of these engines have been purchased at a cost of Rs. 65,000 each?

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 earth 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 earth work is being done now. The earth work 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 HIRAKU*

*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