

(b) if so, whether this post will be advertised through the Union Public Service Commission and if not, the reason therefor; and

(c) whether such Class I posts are filled up through the Union Public Service Commission or directly by the Department itself?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (DR. P. S. DESHMUKH): (a) Yes.

(b) Yes, it will be advertised through the U.P.S.C.

(c) Yes.

SHRI A. C. GILBERT: May I know the qualifications and length of service of the present Business Manager?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: He has been there for a long time and I do not have the particulars about his qualifications.

SHRI A. C. GILBERT: Do Government consider that his qualifications are adequate for the post?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: As I have stated in my reply, the post is going to be advertised by the U.P.S.C. and he will take his chance.

ESCALATOR AT THE DELHI RAILWAY STATION

*300. SHRI RAMGOPAL GUPTA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the escalator installed at the Delhi Main Station a few months back has been functioning satisfactorily;

(b) whether the station authorities have been asked to keep a count of the number of passengers who use the escalator during its experimental stage; and

(c) whether any staff has been posted to guide the passengers in the use of this escalator?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir. The working of the escalator is quite simple and no special staff to instruct passengers in its use is considered necessary.

SHRI RAMGOPAL GUPTA: Do Government propose to extend this facility particularly to the other platforms at Delhi Railway Station and to the bigger railway stations also?

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: It is a suggestion for action.

*301. [The questioner, (Shri Bansi-Lal) was absent. For answer vide col. 1716-17 infra.]

TERMINAL BUILDING AT BHAVNAGAR AIRPORT

*302. SHRI J. K. MODI: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) when the construction of the central tower of the Terminal Building at Bhavnagar Airport will be completed;

(b) when the tenders for the approach road for the Terminal Building will be asked for and when the work will commence;

(c) when the Terminal Building will be in use as an airport; and

(d) what use will be made of the existing airport building after the new one is opened?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI AHMAD MOHINDIN): (a) It is expected to be completed by the middle of 1962.

(b) Tenders are expected to be invited shortly and the work will commence within six months.

(c) By the end of the next year.

(d) No decision has yet been taken.

SHRI J. K. MODI: May I know what use will be made of the building referred to in part (d) of the question?

SHRI AHMED MOHIUDDIN: It is still under consideration.

SHRI J. K. MODI: May I know whether that building will be demolished?

SHRI AHMED MOHIUDDIN: I am not sure yet, for as I said, the whole question is under consideration.

*303 and *304. [The questioner (Shri Lila Dhar Barooah) was absent. For answers, vide cols. 1717-20 infra.]

DISPENSARIES WITHOUT DOCTORS IN RURAL AREAS

*305. SHRI S. C. DEB: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact in a recent assessment it has been found that about 3,000 dispensaries in the rural areas are going without doctors; and

(b) if so, what are the steps that are being taken by Government to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR): (a) No such assessment has recently been made by the Central Government.

(b) Does not arise.

SHRI S. C. DEB: Sir, I could not follow the answer to part (a) of the question.

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: There has been no recent survey. Some time ago, there was a survey. We got information from the States and we found that so far as government hospitals and dispensaries were concerned, the total number of vacancies was 1,095. But that was some time ago and recently there was no survey.

PROSPECT OF PADDY CROP

*306. SHRI S. C. DEB: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the prospect of paddy crop in the paddy-growing States of the country?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA): The production estimates of paddy crop in the country during 1961-62 have not become available so far. The prospects of the paddy crop for the country as a whole appear to be satisfactory. The crop in the Southern region is better than in the rest of the country.

SHRI S. C. DEB: May I know whether it has been brought to the notice of the Government that there has been insect harm done to paddy in some parts of the country?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: We have received reports from various parts of the country that there were insect pests attacking the paddy crop.

SHRI S. C. DEB: In that connection, what remedial measures were taken?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: Yes, Sir. The State Agricultural Departments immediately take action to meet the situation.

SHRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIAR: Sir, recently there were reports—and we ourselves saw them—of large swarms of locusts which went over Delhi.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: This is about the paddy crop.

SHRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIAR: This may affect the paddy crop.

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