

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY): (a) Yes, Madam.

(b) The proposal was examined and not accepted for want of adequate justification.

†[रेल मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री एस० वी० रामस्वामी): (क) जी, हाँ।

(ख) इस सुझाव पर विचार किया गया था, लेकिन पर्याप्त औचित्य न होने के कारण इसे स्वीकार नहीं किया गया।]

SHRI A. B. VAJPAYEE: May I know on what basis new railway stations are opened? Are there any criteria?

SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY: Yes, Madam. On the basis of traffic justification. If there is financial justification also we look into it. Now, we generally do not open stations unless there are no stations within a distance of three miles on either side. The hon. Member as Member of the Lok Sabha made a representation in 1959 and it was examined. Subsequently, another Member of the Lok Sabha made a representation early this year. It was again examined and it was found that if a halt was opened there would be a loss of Rs. 10,000 and if a flag station was opened there would be an annual loss of Rs. 26,000. So there is no financial justification for this.

SHRI A. B. VAJPAYEE: Is it not a fact that the distance between Balrampur and Kawapur is more than six miles?

SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY: From Kawapur it is 9 miles and from Balrampur it is only two miles.

टिड्डी-मार अभियान में उपयोग के लिये विमानों की मांग

*४०३. श्री ए० बी० वाजपेयी: क्या ख. छ. तथा कृषि मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार ने टिड्डी-मार अभियान में उपयोग के लिये केन्द्र से कुछ विमान मांगे थे; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो विमान किस तिथि को मांगे गये थे और वस्तुतः वे किस तिथि को दिये गये?

†[REQUEST FOR AEROPLANES FOR USE IN ANTI-LOCUST CAMPAIGN

*403. SHRI A. B. VAJPAYEE: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Uttar Pradesh asked the Centre for some aeroplanes for use in the Anti-Locust campaign; and

(b) if so, the date on which the aeroplanes were asked for and the date on which they were actually handed over?]

ख. छ. तथा कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री राम सुभग सिंह): (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं होता।

†[THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAM SUBHAG SINGH): (a) No, Madam.

(b) Does not arise.]

श्री ए० बी० वाजपेयी: टिड्डीयों को मारने के लिए उत्तर प्रदेश को छोड़ कर अन्य राज्यों ने जो भी हवाई जहाजों की मांगें प्रस्तुत की थीं, क्या वे समय पर प्रस्तुत कर दी गईं?

श्री राम सुभग सिंह : जी हां, केवल पूरी ही नहीं की गई, अभी भी अगर उत्तर प्रदेश को चाहिये तो भिजवा देंगे।

SHRI N. SRI RAMA REDDY: Recently the papers have been saying that extensive areas have been subjected to this attack by locusts. I would like to know if effective steps like spraying from aeroplanes have been undertaken to eradicate this great menace?

SHRI RAM SUBHAG SINGH: Yes; steps have been taken mostly in Rajasthan and we are planning to send planes to Punjab also. We have already decided to send planes there but the ground staff was not ready to receive the planes and so they did not go there. The damage that is likely to be done by the attack of the locusts is actually being looked after by the State people who are taking all precautions in regard to fighting this menace. As you know, the groundwork is more effective; ploughing and other things are very effective in this regard and the students, particularly small children, do very good work in fighting this locust menace. But wherever planes are needed we try to send them.

SHRI FARIDUL HAQ ANSARI: May I know how many planes the Food and Agriculture Ministry has got for anti-locust campaign?

SHRI RAM SUBHAG SINGH: We are at present having six planes at our disposal; four belong to the Ministry of Food and Agriculture and two belong to the Defence Ministry.

PANDIT S. S. N. TANKHA: Supposing the State Governments make no request for the use of aeroplanes; is it not the duty of the Centre, in order to prevent destruction by locusts, to keep a watch as to where there is need for anti-locust measures to be taken?

SHRI RAM SUBHAG SINGH: There is complete co-ordination between the States and the Centre and we are taking all possible steps to see that this menace is fought effectively by Central as well as States machinery.

PAY SCALES OF FORMER JODHPUR STATE MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

*404. SHRI JAI NARAIN VYAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any special officer has since been appointed to go into the question of the pay scales of those members of the medical staff of the former Jodhpur State Medical Department who opted for Indian Railways in April 1950; and

(b) if so, whether this officer has visited Rajasthan in that connection?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) and (b) Orders have since been issued to the Northern Railway to offer them railway scales of pay and the necessity of appointing any special Officer for visiting Rajasthan did not arise.

SUPPLY OF JERSEYS TO STAFF IN JODHPUR DIVISION

*405. SHRI JAI NARAIN VYAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that woollen jerseys (pullovers) were not supplied to the entire railway staff of the Jodhpur Division on Northern Railway during the years 1960-61 and 1961-62; and

(b) if so, whether the members of the staff who were not supplied jerseys in a particular year got them during the next year?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY): (a) Full supplies could not be made to all the staff.