

(ख) पुस्तकालय के लिये कितनी पत्र-पत्रिकाएँ नियमित रूप से मंगवाई जाती हैं और उनमें से कितनी हिन्दी की है, और

(ग) पुस्तकालय में हिन्दी पुस्तकों तथा पत्र-पत्रिकाओं की संख्या बढ़ाने की क्या कोई योजना है; यदि हाँ, तो वह क्या है ?

†[HINDI LITERATURE IN THE LIBRARY OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

365. SHRI NAWAB SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of books in the library of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and how many of them are in Hindi;

(b) the number of papers and periodicals subscribed regularly for the library and how many of them are in Hindi; and

(c) whether there is any scheme for increasing the number of Hindi books and papers and periodicals in the library, if so, what is that scheme.]

सूचना तथा प्रसारण मंत्री (डा० बी० वी० केशकर) : (क) सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय के सचिवालय में कोई पुस्तकालय नहीं है ।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

†[THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (DR. B. V. KESKAR): (a) There is no library in the Secretariat of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

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

#### AGRICULTURAL LABOUR

366. SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of agricultural labour in the country on 1st April, 1960; and

(b) the average *per capita* income of an agricultural labourer in the year 1959-60?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI ABID ALI): (a) In 1956-57 the estimated number of agricultural labourers was 33.2 million, composed of 18.5 million men, 12.1 million women and 2.6 million children. Figures for the 1st April, 1960 are not available.

(b) According to the Second Agricultural Labour Enquiry the average *per capita* income in the year 1956-57 was Rs. 99.4. Figures for 1959-60 are not available.

#### RADIATION EFFECTS OF DRUGS ON HUMAN ORGANISM

367. SHRI B. N. BHARGAVA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the result of the studies undertaken to determine the efficacy and the pharmacological basis of action of certain drugs including plant *Rauwolfia Serpentina*, for modifying radiation effects on human organism?

THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER IN-CHARGE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU): No experiments to determine the effects of Reserpine (a purified alkaloid of *Rauwolfia Serpentina*) on radiation effects in human beings are being conducted in the Atomic Energy Establishment, Trombay. However, experimental work carried out with rats has shown that injection of Reserpine at a dose of 5 milligrams per 100 grams body-weight 24 hours prior to a whole-body irradiation with 600 of deep X-rays produced an increase in the mortality of these animals. Curiously enough administration of the same dose 12 hours before exposure to a similar irradiation resulted in a decreased mortality with a corresponding increase in the survival span.