

DR. R. P. DUBE: Why was the Irwin Hospital training was stopped?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: We have not stopped that. They go there. No particular beds were assigned. In fact the clinical teaching is going on in Irwin Hospital.

DR. R. P. DUBE: When they stopped sending where did they get the training?

(No answer.)

द्वितीय-पंचवर्षीय योजना में सम्मिलित करने के लिये भारतीय-गन्ना-अनुसंधान शाला का प्रतिवेदन

*५५०. श्री नवाब सिंह चौहान : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री, खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्रालय (कृषि विभाग) के १९५६-५७ के वार्षिक प्रतिवेदन के पृष्ठ ५४ पर पैरा १६.१ को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि भारतीय-गन्ना-अनुसंधान-शाला द्वारा द्वितीय पंचवर्षीय योजना में सम्मिलित करने के लिये दिये गये प्रतिवेदन की छानबीन के लिये नियुक्त की गई विशेषज्ञ समिति ने इसकी छानबीन कर ली है; यदि नहीं, तो यह कार्य कब तक पूरा हो जायगा।

†[REPORT OF INDIAN INSTITUTE OF SUGARCANE RESEARCH FOR INCLUSION IN SECOND FIVE YEAR PLAN

*550. SHRI NAWAB SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to paragraph 16.1 on page 54 of the Annual Report of the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Department of Agriculture) for 1956-57 and state whether the committee of experts appointed to examine the report submitted by the Indian Institute of Sugarcane Research for inclusion in the Second Five Year Plan, has examined it; if not, by what time this work is likely to be completed?]

सहकार मंत्री (डा० पी० एस० वेंकटेश्वर): भारतीय गन्ना अनुसंधानशाला द्वारा दिये हुए सुझावों की समिति छानबीन कर चुकी

है। रिपोर्ट का ड्राफ्ट तैयार है और एक मास या इससे कुछ अधिक समय में इसको अन्तिम रूप दिये जाने की आशा है।

†[THE MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION (DR. P. S. DESHMUKH): The Committee has examined the proposals submitted by the Indian Institute of Sugarcane Research. The draft of the report is ready and is expected to be finalised in the course of a month or so.]

श्री नवाब सिंह चौहान : इस योजना के मसौदे के बारे में क्या कुछ बतला सकते हैं?

(No reply.)

श्री नवाब सिंह चौहान : एक्सपर्ट कमेटी की जो रिपोर्ट है वह तो फाइनलाइज नहीं हुई है यह ठीक है लेकिन वह जो योजना है, क्या उसकी एक नकल नहीं दी जा सकती थी?

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The report is not yet finalised. So it is hypothetical.

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: Sir, I would require notice.

CENTRAL ASSISTANCE FOR STARTING A THERMAL POWER STATION AT METTUPALAYAM

*551. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request for Central assistance for starting a Thermal Power Station at Mettupalayam has been received by Government; if so, what is the extent of assistance sought for; and

(b) what will be the capacity of the proposed Thermal Power Station?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI S. K. PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Was any representation received by the mill-owners' association on this matter in

this Ministry or in some allied Ministry?

SHRI S. K. PATIL: No representation was received by us. A representation, I am told, was made to the Government of Madras, but they did not think it fit that it should be taken in hand.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Has the Ministry of Commerce and. . .

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No request was there. What supplementary question can there be? Next question.

OPERATIONAL AND MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL OF THE INDIAN AIRLINES CORPORATION

*552. **SHRI PERATH NARAYANAN NAIR:** Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the average number of hours of overtime work done by the operational and maintenance personnel of the Indian Airlines Corporation; and

(b) the steps taken to reduce overtime working?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR): (a) The average monthly overtime work done by the Operational personnel in 1956-57 was 6,990 hours and by the Maintenance personnel 24,410 hours.

(b) In the Operations Department, steps have been taken to increase the number of Pilots as the shortage of Pilots is one of the main causes of overtime duty. In the Engineering and Maintenance Departments, standard establishment strengths have been laid down and stricter control is being exercised on overtime work.

SHRI PERATH NARAYANAN NAIR: May I know, Sir, whether the

Government has made any attempt to assess to what extent these excessive overtimes impair the efficiency of the staff?

SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR: No attempt has been made to assess whether the overtimes impair efficiency. I may inform the hon. Member that according to the reports of the I.A.C., at one time the output of work was below normal and arrears had to be cleared. The I.A.C. feel the backlog has been now cleared and in future there will be no occasion for giving undue overtimes.

SHRI PERATH NARAYANAN NAIR: Do Government think that this additional recruitment to the staff that has been made, would go a long way to reduce these overtimes?

SHRI HUMAYUN KABIR: So far as the operation side is concerned, the additional recruitment will certainly go a very long way in reducing overtime; we hope there will not be any overtime, but hon. Members will remember that so far as flying operations are concerned anyone who works for more than 80 hours a month is entitled to overtime.

*553 and *554. [*The questioner (Shri N. Ramakrishna Iyer) was absent. For answers, vide cols. 4430-4431 infra.*]

SCHEME FOR COMPLETE ERADICATION OF MALARIA

*555. **SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK:** Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India have formulated any scheme for complete eradication of malaria in India as recommended by the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization for South East Asia Region in its ninth session held at New Delhi in September 1956 and

(b) if so, how and when the scheme will be put into practice?