

RAJYA SABHA

Friday the 25th May, 1956

The House met at eleven of the clock, Mr. CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

HOTELS RUN BY THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

*327. MOULANA M. FARUQI: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of hotels run by the Ministry of Railways for foreign tourists; and

(b) the places where these hotels are located?

THE MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI LAL BAHADUR): (a) No hotel has been provided by the Ministry of Railways or any Railway Administration, specially for foreign tourists.

(b) Does not arise.

مولانا ایم - فاروقی : یہ جو مغربی

طریقوں کے ہوٹل ہیں ان کے بارے میں

گورنمنٹ کی کیا پالیسی ہے - وہ ہر

جگہ کھولے جائینگے یا یہ کہ مخصوص

جگہوں پر ہی کھولے جائینگے ؟

†[मौलाना एम० फारुकी : यह जो मरा-
रबी तरीकों के होटल हैं इनके बारे में
गवर्नमेंट की क्या पालिसी है ? वे हर जगह
खोले जायेंगे या यह कि मखसूस जगहों पर ही
खोले जायेंगे ?]

श्री लाल बहादुर : रेलवे का तो कोई
इरादा वैसा होटल खोलने का नहीं है ।

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: What about the hotel in Puri, Sir?

†Hindi transliteration.

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SHRI LAL BAHADUR: It does not specially cater for the foreign tourists.

*328. [For answer, vide cols. 3178-81 infra.]

EFFICACY OF B. C. G. VACCINATION AND A JAPANESE DRUG AGAINST LEPROSY

*329. SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: Will the Minister for HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) the extent to which B.C.G. vaccination has been found to be effective as a preventive to leprosy; and

(b) the extent to which the Japanese drug has been found to be effective in the treatment of leprosy?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR HEALTH (SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR): (a) It is too early to assess from the available scientific evidence the value and the results of B.C.G. Vaccination in the control of leprosy.

(b) Out of the five anti-leprosy drugs received from the Government of Japan, only Protozol tablets were found to give promising results.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: May I know, Sir where this experiment was made and on how many people? I am asking about (b).

SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR: We received about five kinds of drugs from the Japanese Government and they were distributed to various institutions in various States and from the results that we have obtained we have come to know that only Protozol tablet is useful and about the detailed scheme I have not got it here.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: May I know, Sir, whether it is correct that some very effective medicines for curing leprosy have been found in the Medical Institute, Lucknow?

SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR: I am not aware of the particular thing the Member has in mind but we know

we have already in existence the sulphur group of drugs which are very effective for leprosy.

SHRI P. D. HIMATSINGKA: Is the hon. Minister aware that the experiment that is being carried on in Santhal Parganas under the auspices of the Santhal Paharia Seva Mandal has proved very effective?

SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR: Sir, I am not quite clear what the hon. Member means by that Santhal Parganas project. We have allotted to each State Government where this leprosy is endemic some control units (treatment and study centres and subsidiary centres) and it may be that Santhal Parganas also has one such, but I have not got the detailed results of that units there.

DAMAGE TO JUTE CROP DUE TO FLOODS

***330. MOULANA M. FARUQI:** Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of damage caused to jute crop by the floods in the jute growing areas of Assam, West Bengal, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh during 1954-55 and 1955-56;

(b) whether the quality of the crop was affected in any of these years; and

(c) whether any rise in the prices of raw jute was noticed on this account?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA): (a) Information regarding the extent of damage caused to jute crop by floods during 1954-55 and 1955-56 has not been recorded.

(b) Information as to whether the quality of jute crop was affected by floods is not available.

(c) The variations in the prices of jute are dependent on a variety of factors which are difficult to isolate.

SHRI MAHESHWAR NAIK: May I know, Sir, to what extent, if any, has the supply of Indian raw jute affected the price level of jute in the world market?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: We are importing raw jute; we are not exporting raw jute. So it has no effect over the world market.

***331, *332 and *333.** [The questioner (Shri M. Valiulla) was absent. For answer, vide cols. 3184-87 infra]

कटिहार और वेस्ट सीमापुर के बीच रेल दुर्घटना

***३३४. श्रीमती सावित्री निगम :** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) ७ जनवरी, १९५६ को कटिहार और वेस्ट सीमापुर स्टेशनों के बीच जो रेल दुर्घटना हुई थी, उस संबंध में कितने रेल-कर्मचारियों को दंड दिया गया और उन्हें क्या दंड दिये गये; और

(ख) इस दुर्घटना में मरे व्यक्तियों के परिवारों को कितना मुआवजा दिया गया ?

†[RAILWAY ACCIDENT BETWEEN KATIHAR AND WEST SIMAPUR]

***334. SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM:** Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway employees punished for the railway accident which occurred on the 7th January, 1956, between Katihar and West Simapur stations and the nature of punishments given to them; and

(b) the amount of compensation given to the families of those persons who were killed in that accident?]

रेल तथा परिवहन मंत्री (श्री लाल बहादुर) : (क) चार रेल-कर्मचारियों को मुअ्तल कर दिया गया है और इस बात की