

STUDY OF ECONOMICS OF FARM MANAGEMENT

***153 SHRI M GOVINDA REDDY:** Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the manner in which the economics of farm management is being studied and the results so far achieved?

THE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE (DR P S. DESHMUKH): A scheme for studies into the economics of farm management sponsored by the Research Programmes Committee of the Planning Commission is being conducted under the guidance of the Directorate of Economics and Statistics of the Food and Agriculture Ministry in collaboration with existing Agricultural Colleges and Research Institutes in the States. The scheme is in operation in six selected regions of the country, viz, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Madras, Bombay and Madhya Pradesh and is being carried out by the Cost Accounting and Survey Methods, Analysis of the data collected in the first year, viz, 1954-55, is still in progress. The results are likely to be available in the beginning of the next year.

SHRI M GOVINDA REDDY: May I know, Sir, if scientists in the Agricultural Research Institute in Delhi, that is, the Pusa Institute, are also associated with this scheme?

DR P S DESHMUKH: I do not think so.

SHRI M GOVINDA REDDY: May I know, Sir, who are in charge of these research centres which have been established?

DR P S DESHMUKH: I have got the names here—

*Bombay College of Agriculture,
Poona—Prof Driver*

*Madhya Pradesh—Dr R G
Kalamker*

*Madras University of Madras—
Shri C W B Zacharias.*

*Punjab College of Agriculture—
Dr. Ajaib Singh*

*U P Government Agricultural
College—Prof C D Agarwal*

*West Bengal Indian Central Jute
Committee—Shri K C Basak.*

SHRI M GOVINDA REDDY: May I know, Sir, whether any farmers or representatives of farmers' organisations are associated with these centres?

DR P S DESHMUKH: There is no need of any farmers being put on the Committee.

SHRI M GOVINDA REDDY: Do the Government believe that practical farm experience is not necessary or would not help research work?

DR P S DESHMUKH: Of course, it is necessary and the practical experience of the farmers would be taken into account.

SHRI M GOVINDA REDDY: May I know, Sir, whether the recommendations of Professors Black and Stewart in this regard have been implemented?

DR P S DESHMUKH: I would like to have notice of the question.

PROF G RANGA: Will Government be good enough to instruct these people who are in charge of it that when they come to publish the results in their reports they should publish them in as non-technical a manner as possible so that the large number of Indian farmers would be able to understand the significance and utility of these reports?

SHRI A P JAIN: We accept the suggestion.

PROVISION OF EQUIPMENT FOR SAFE OPERATIONS AT SOME AIRFIELDS

***154 DR RAGHUBIR SINH:** Will the Minister for COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the representatives of the Indian Pilots' Guild and Indian

Airlines Pilots' Associations have urged the Director General of Civil Aviation to provide necessary equipment for safe operations at some airfields;

(b) if so, what is the equipment to be so provided for; and

(c) what steps are being taken to provide the same?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR):
(a) No, Sir.

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

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: May I bring to the notice of the hon. the Deputy Minister the P.T.I. report that was published in *The Times of India* of September 23, which says that then they issued a press release also. I just wonder how the Ministry did not take note of that press release, specially when it related to remarks on D.G.C.A.'s department.

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: What particular press release the hon. Member is referring to, I do not know. The question relates to "whether the representatives of the Indian Pilots' Guild and Indian Airlines Pilots' Associations have urged the Director General of Civil Aviation to provide necessary equipment for safe operations at some airfields". That is the question, and about that the answer is in the negative.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: I have got with me here a cutting, a P.T.I. message, wherein they have said.....

MR. CHAIRMAN: Who has said?

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH:.....wherein the representatives of the Indian Pilots' Guild and the Indian Airlines Pilots' Associations from Delhi, Calcutta, Bombay and Madras, who met in New Delhi early this week, have urged the Director General of Civil Aviation that necessary equipment for safe operations should be provided at certain airfields.

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: I again submit that no representation as such has been received by us and the question pertains to representations from the representatives alone.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: In that, next it is said that they issued a press release. It is not unlikely that this note might have gone to some junior officers and the Minister does not know.

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: Most humbly I would point out that a press note is quite different from a representation from a recognised or functioning union, and if representations had been received I would have definitely given the answer in the affirmative.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: My point is this that a news has come in the press. Even if this news is not a representation from a recognised union, is it not the duty of the Ministry.....

MR. CHAIRMAN: Your question is specific whether a representation from them has been received. To that he has given a specific answer, "No". But you say it is their duty to take note of all the press releases which appear. That is a different question.

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: We do take note of suitable press reports also, but the question was pertaining to representations, and so far as the provision of safety aids or navigational aids, and air traffic control is concerned, we see that the necessary safety provisions have been provided at the aerodromes which conform by and large to the I.C.A.O. standards.

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: Is there any method by which Government is consulting the pilots regarding safety measures or assessing the pilots' views in this regard?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: The Director General of Civil Aviation takes note of the opinions expressed by representative and knowledgeable

persons. Apart from that we have got what is known as the Airport and Communications Consultative Committee which meets twice a year and at the meetings of this body, all important users of the aerodromes, such as, airlines companies, etc., are represented. They make suggestions and the recommendations and standards laid down by the international civil aviation organisations are also examined and we see whether the navigational facilities, air traffic control facilities and communication facilities provided at the airfields conform to the usual standards or our minimum requirements, or not. We depend for our equipment largely on imports, but I may assure the House that the minimum standards of equipment are provided, at the aerodromes.

AIR-CONDITIONED COACHES FOR JANATA EXPRESS TRAINS

*155. DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any airconditioned third class coaches are being built for use on the Janata Express trains;

(b) if so, how many such coaches are being built and when the first such coach will be ready for use on the train service; and

(c) what will be the seating accommodation in each such coach and what is its estimated cost of production?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): (a) No. Air-conditioned class III coaches are, however, being built for use on a vestibuled fully air-conditioned train to be introduced as an experimental measure.

(b) Nine class III-coaches are being built for use on three rakes which are expected to be ready for service in October 1956.

(c) Eighty seats in each class III coach which is estimated to cost Rs. 2,60,000 each approximately.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: May I know, Sir, on what particular lines these rakes are going to be used?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: We have not yet taken a decision on that matter, but the question of having these trains on Delhi-Madras, Delhi-Bombay and Delhi-Howrah lines is under examination.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: Obviously it is broad gauge. May I know, if the Government has any idea to build such coaches for metre gauge also run them through the desert where it is most needed.

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: I think Delhi-Bombay covers a portion of that area mentioned by my hon. friend.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: Delhi-Ahmedabad is the main route because it is through the desert.

PROF. G. RANGA: But there should be also people in the desert to avail of this.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: There are plenty of people.

SHRI KANHAIYALAL D. VAIDYA: Quite apart from the question of the Railway Ministry now being engaged in building these coaches for the Janata Express, may I know from the hon. Minister whether the Railways have finished installing fans in all the III Class coaches?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: My answer was that this could not be strictly called Janata because it would contain air-conditioned class III coaches as well as air-conditioned compartments. The class III coaches are supposed to have only seats and the fare also will not be the present class III fare. So in my answer I have said, "No". It cannot be called Janata air-conditioned train.