

SHRI LAL BAHADUR: I have already said, Sir, that we have no such machinery.

PAMPHLETS ON RICE CULTIVATION

*69. SHRI N. D. M. PRASADARAO: Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of copies of the pamphlets on rice cultivation so far published by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research; and

(b) the number of copies of those pamphlets so far sold?

THE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE (DR. P. S. DESHMUKH) (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix X, Annexure No. 11.]

SHRI N. D. M. PRASADARAO: I find from the Statement laid on the Table that the pamphlets were published only in two languages. Why were they not published in Bengali, Oriya, Tamil and Telugu?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: Sir, these pamphlets have been translated in every Indian language and they have been distributed very widely. We have given the details of only those pamphlets which have been published by the Government of India. They have been translated; there are independent booklets, pamphlets and other things published by the State Governments.

SHRI N. D. M. PRASADARAO: What is the use of publishing them in English? Do the peasants know English?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: This is only for the guidance of those persons who can read it. Otherwise the intention is to get them translated in every Indian language.

SHRI B. P. AGARWAL: May I know, Sir, whether there is any publication on the results obtained in the

various States about the Japanese method which has been tried in rice cultivation?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: There is no publication as such, but we have got reports which we intend to consolidate and publish.

DARWHA-PUSAD RAILWAY LINE

*70. KAZI KARIMUDDIN: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state the date by which the Darwha-Pusad railway line is likely to be restored?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): No final decision has yet been taken.

KAZI KARIMUDDIN: Did the Minister in charge of Railways give an assurance to the people of the locality when he visited the Yeotmal district that it would be restored soon?

SHRI LAL BAHADUR: I visited that place, but I never gave any such assurance.

KAZI KARIMUDDIN: Is the hon. Minister in charge of Railways aware that there is a great deterioration in the buildings and bridges, and they are not protected and looked after by anybody?

SHRI LAL BAHADUR: They are being looked after. There are watchmen appointed.

KAZI KARIMUDDIN: There is absolutely no watchman.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Next question.

CONFERENCE OF THE ALL-INDIA AYURVEDIC CONGRESS

*71. SHRI N. C. SEKHAR: Will the Minister for HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any resolutions passed at the 40th Conference of the All-India

Ayurvedic Congress held at Trivandrum in May 1955; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR HEALTH (SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

SHRI N. C. SEKHAR: Are the Government aware that the Ayurvedic system of medicine is practised on a large scale in Travancore-Cochin and Malabar?

SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR: Yes, Sir.

SHRI N. C. SEKHAR: Is it a fact that there is not a single representative on the Central Council of Ayurvedic Medicine from Travancore-Cochin and Malabar?

SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR: I will take this information from the hon. Member.

SHRI B. P. AGARWAL: May I know, Sir, whether the Health Ministry has drawn up any programme for implementation in the next five-year period for the development of Ayurvedic system of medicine, and whether that is going to be circulated to the Members?

SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR: Sir, during the first Five Year Plan we have started the Institute of Indigenous System of Medicine in Jamnagar. Nearly Rs. 37.5 lakhs is being spent in connection with the first Five Year Plan. And we are contemplating to do more in the second Five Year Plan.

CONFERENCE OF R.M.S. EMPLOYEES

*72. SHRI N. C. SEKHAR: Will the Minister for COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the deliberations and recommendations of the Railway Mail

Service employees at their Third Conference at Madras held in May 1955; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take in regard to their demands and recommendations?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) and (b). The recommendations of the Conference have not so far been received either in the offices of the Director-General, Posts & Telegraphs or of the Postmaster-General, Madras. As and when they are received they will be examined by the appropriate offices.

LOCK-OUT AT THE WADI BUNDER GOODS DEPOT

*73. SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a lock-out was resorted to by the contractors at the Central Railway's Wadi Bunder goods depot on June 1, 1955; and

(b) if so, the reasons for the lock-out and the steps taken by Government to meet the demands of the workers employed in that goods depot?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: May I know, Sir, if any wages were paid for the lock-out period?

MR. CHAIRMAN: He says: "There was no lock-out."

REPORT OF THE RAILWAY EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE

*74. SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway Equipment Committee has submitted any interim report to Government; and