

DR. R. P. DUBE: Are there no women available for Overseers' course?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: I am not aware that there are any women available for this course.

SHRI T. D. PUSTAKE: Will the Central Government be prepared to give aid to those students to whom State Governments are not prepared to give help?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: I do not think there is any question of State Governments not being prepared to give aid. It is for the State Government to spare people. Therefore, it really depends on the States producing or employing more of these personnel.

DR. W. S. BARLINGAY: Has the hon. Minister satisfied herself that the number of Engineers that will come out of the Institution will be sufficient for the purpose of the Second Five Year Plan?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: We are working to that effect and we are asking the States to see to it that there are sufficient number of personnel to take up this important work.

*521. [Postponed to the 28th September 1955.]

REGIONAL MEETING ON POULTRY PRODUCTION

*522. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a regional meeting on poultry production under the auspices of the Food and Agricultural Organisation will be held in India; if so, where; and

(b) the names of the countries which are expected to take part in that meeting?

THE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE (DR. P. S. DESHMUKH): (a) Yes. At Poona.

(b) Invitations were extended by the F.A.O. to the following Member-Countries:

1. Afghanistan
2. Australia
3. Burma
4. Cambodia
5. Ceylon
6. France
7. India
8. Indonesia
9. Japan
10. Korea
11. Laos
12. New Zealand
13. Pakistan
14. Philippines
15. Thailand
16. United Kingdom
17. Viet Nam.

Indonesia, Japan and New Zealand have, however, expressed their inability to attend.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: May I know, Sir, if the poultry productions from these countries are also expected at the regional meeting?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: This is a technical meeting. No poultry productions are going to be brought to this meeting.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: According to a scheme, Government have ordered chickens for distribution. Will they be obtained before this Conference is held?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: I do not think so. It has no relationship with this technical meeting.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Sir, is it a fact that 15,000 chickens are available for Poultry purposes?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: That does not arise out of this question.