

complaint that tongas are not allowed to enter the Dehra Dun Railway Station area is something un-understandable.

CULTIVATION OF PATCHOULI PLANTS IN INDIA

*232. SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state where and to what extent patchouli plants are now being grown in India?

THE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE (DR. P. S. DESHMUKH): The patchouli plants have been introduced only on a small scale in Madras and Mysore States and experimentally at Dehra Dun.

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: May I know the quantity grown in these States?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: We have not got any figures relating to the quantity or to the area. It is very insignificant because it has just been started.

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: Are Government aware that this is a dollar earning plant?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: I am prepared to take the information from the hon. Member.

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: Will Government consider expanding the area under cultivation of this plant and also consider giving financial assistance to the growers?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: We are interested in larger cultivation of this plant; we shall see what we can do about it.

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: Are Government aware that scent is being manufactured from this in Mysore and that it is exported?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: I must ask for notice. I know that Mysore grows some of these plants.

SHRI H. P. SAKSENA: Where is this patchouli plant grown and what is it like?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: The Latin name of this plant is Pogostemon. cablin and it is grown at present in the Mysore and Madras States. As I stated earlier, it is also grown experimentally at Dehra Dun. It is not a local plant.

SHRI H. P. SAKSENA: What is it used for?

(No reply.)

EXPERT COMMITTEE FOR RESEARCH IN AYURVEDA

*233. SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: Will the Minister for HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Expert Committee constituted for scrutinising schemes for research in the Ayurvedic system of medicine has completed its work;

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, what are the details of the schemes scrutinised and the results of such scrutiny; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, the number of meetings so far held by the committee and the work so far done by it?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR HEALTH (SHRIMATI M. CHANDRA-SERHAR): (a) and (b). The Expert Committee scrutinise schemes for research in Ayurvedic system of medicine as and when received. The question of their completing the work does not, therefore, arise.

(c) The committee has met twice and also transacted business by circulation of papers. They have considered so far 27 research schemes and recommended financial assistance to the following institutions:—

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| 1. Board of Research in Ayurveda, Bombay | 66,300 |
| 2. Ayurvedic College, Gauhati | 24,770 |
| 3. Ayurvedic Pharmacy at Jogindernagar | 34,240 |

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: May I know whether these schemes came

from institutions—from whom these 27 schemes have been received?

SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR: I have not got a detailed idea about the places from where these 27 schemes have come but I know they have come from different States.

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: May I know whether Government invited schemes from Ayurvedic institutions in the country?

SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR: These research schemes are from Ayurvedic institutions.

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: Apart from the States, were any schemes called for from private institutions?

SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR: Private Ayurvedic institutions are also included in this.

SHRI AKBAR ALI KHAN: Have Government examined the Ayurvedic system and do they consider it proper according to modern conditions?

MR. CHAIRMAN: That is another question.

बम्बई-आगरा राष्ट्रीय राजपथ

*२३४. श्री कृष्णकान्त व्यास : क्या परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) बम्बई-आगरा राष्ट्रीय राजपथ पर अभी तक कितनी दूर तक कोलतार डाला जा चुका है ;

(ख) चालू वित्तीय वर्ष में उस राजपथ पर कितनी दूर तक कोलतार डालने की योजना है ?

t [BOMBAY-AGRA NATIONAL HIGHWAY

*234. SHRI KRISHNAKANT VYAS: Will the Minister for TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the length of the Bombay-Agra National Highway which has so far been asphalted; and

(b) the length of that Highway proposed to be asphalted during the current financial year?]

रेल तथा परिवहन उपमंत्रि (श्री श्री ० बालगोपाल) : (क) सन् १९५४-५५ के अन्त तक ४७२ मील दूर तक कोलतार डाला जा चुका है और ८३ मील तक पक्की सड़क बन चुकी है ।

(ख) १३५ मील तक, इसमें से ६७ मील तक कोलतार बिछाया जा चुका है ।

[THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): (a) Up to the end of 1954-55, 472 miles had been asphalted and 83 miles cement-concreted.

'b) 1.35 miles, out of which 67 miles have already been asphalted.]

श्री कृष्णकान्त व्यास : क्या यह सच है कि खराब काम होने की वजह से कुछ सड़क का हिस्सा एक ही महीने के अन्दर खराब हो गया है ?

श्री लाल बहादुर : मध्य भारत के हिस्से के बारे में जो रिपोर्ट हमारे पास आई है उसमें सड़क के किसी तरह के खराब होने की खबर नहीं है ।

श्री कृष्णकान्त व्यास : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि शेष सड़क पर कब तक कोलतार बिछ जायेगा ?

श्री लाल बहादुर : जून, सन् १९५६ तक ।

श्री कृष्णकान्त व्यास : इस सड़क की कुल कितनी लम्बाई है ?

श्री लाल बहादुर : कुल लम्बाई तो बहुत ज्यादा मालूम होती है, ७२० मील ।