

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: These are matters of detail.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: Presumably—because we want matters of detail, we ask questions.

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: Then put a specific question.

WORLD FORESTRY CONGRESS AT  
DEHRA DUN

\*101. SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: Will the Minister for Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the decisions arrived at the Fourth World Forestry Congress held at Dehra Dun recently; and

(b) how many of those decisions require implementation by India and in what manner?

THE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE (DR. P. S. DESHMUKH): (a) No decisions were taken by the Congress but it made a series of recommendations, a copy of which is placed on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix IX, Annexure No. 19.]

(b) The Ministry of Food and Agriculture are examining which of these recommendations require to be implemented by India.

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: May I know whether the Terminology Committee has not been appointed as yet in India?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: I want notice of the question.

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: May I know whether in the Commissions and Working Bodies to be established in pursuance of the decisions, India would be included?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: Yes, wherever Indian delegates are likely to perform, some outstanding part, I am sure they will be included.

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: What steps have been taken under item 4 with regard to protective steps?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: As I said in my reply, all these recommendations are going to be examined and we are going to hold a Forestry meeting in May and all these will be considered then.

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: Have we not been taking some steps in this regard before this Conference?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: Yes in every possible respect we have been taking steps but if there is any necessity for further intensification, that is what will be done as a result of the examination of these recommendations.

INEFFECTIVENESS OF D.D.T. ON MALARIA  
MOSQUITOES

\*102. SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn towards the development of D.D.T. resistance in Malaria-carrying mosquitoes; and

(b) if so, what steps, if any, Government are taking to devise a new remedy?

THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR): (a) Yes.

(b) No steps are necessary in view of the fact that no resistance to D.D.T. in malaria-carrying mosquitoes has so far been detected in India.

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: May I know whether the Government's attention has been drawn to the statement made by Dr. C. Mani, the Regional Commissioner for W.H.O. for South East Asia, to the effect that malaria mosquitoes in India have developed resistance?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: I don't think Dr. Mani made that statement but the danger, of course, is there. We

are alive to it and we are watching the situation but Dr. Russel, for example, who is a leading world authority on malaria, said the other day that so far in India no evidence of resistance to D.D.T. or of change of behaviour of the malaria mosquito has appeared.

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: Is it not a fact that the Executive Board of the W.H.O. in its recent meeting, has been of the same opinion as Dr. Mani's and also advised the constituent body that immediate steps to eradicate malaria should be taken in view of the resistance that is being developed?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: Government has not so far noted any resistance in India but we are aware of the danger and we have suggested speeding up of the malaria programme.

DR. D. H. VARIAVA: May I ask the Minister if it is not a fact that this supposed resistance of malaria mosquitoes to D.D.T. is due to use of D.D.T. after expiry date, and no natural resistance is supposed to have occurred?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: I have said that there is no resistance developed in India and therefore it follows that in India old D.D.T. is not being used. I cannot speak for other countries.

DR. D. H. VARIAVA: Is it not a fact that old D.D.T. is being used after the expiry date and that causes what is called resistance but there is no real resistance?

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR: I have no information.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: Is the hon. Minister aware that the mosquitoes have detected adulteration in D.D.T. and therefore they are very happy about it in certain areas?

AN HON MEMBER: In Andhra.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order, order.

SHRI R. P. N. SINHA: Is the Government prepared to take information from me that from many towns of Bihar malaria has been completely eliminated by D.D.T.?

(No answer.)

#### COMMITTEE ON CATERING ON THE RAILWAYS

\*103. DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) which of the recommendations of the Committee on Catering on the Railways have been accepted by Government; and

(b) what steps are being taken to implement them?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): (a) and (b). All the recommendations have been accepted. Orders for the implementation of the following recommendations have issued:—

(i) Introduction of standard menu and standard price for vegetarian and non-vegetarian meals served from Refreshment Rooms.

(ii) Throwing open of the Restaurant and Dining Cars to third class passengers.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Who is the Chairman of this Committee?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: My humble self.

SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: May I ask his humble self whether he is aware that the charge made for this food in the Railway Dining Car is prohibitive for the third class passengers even though such dining cars have been thrown open to them?

MR. CHAIRMAN: It is a general statement.

DR. SHRIMATI SEETA PARMANAND: Is the Minister aware of a