

## RAJYA SABHA

Monday, the 13th September 1954

The House met at eleven of the clock, MR. CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

### ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

#### SUGAR-CANE PRICES FOR 1955-56

\*274. SHRI V. VENKATARAMANA: Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have fixed the price of sugar-cane for the year 1955-56; and

(b) if so, on what basis?

THE MINISTER FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAFI AHMAD KIDWAI): (a) Not yet.

(b) Does not arise.

SHRI RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: How long do the Government propose to take to fix the price?

SHRI RAFI AHMAD KIDWAI: The hon Member is aware that cane prices have been fixed for the coming season. Therefore, we have only to fix the cane prices for the year 1955-56. I hope, we will complete the decision by the end of October.

SHRI V. VENKATARAMANA: Is the hon. Minister aware of the fact that the factories in South India do not crush throughout the season?

SHRI RAFI AHMAD KIDWAI: I am aware of the fact that South Indian factories work, sometimes, eleven months in the year

SHRI V. VENKATARAMANA: No, no; 'full season', I mean.

SHRI RAFI AHMAD KIDWAI: No factory will work full season, but I said that some of the South Indian factories worked, sometimes, eleven months in the year.

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SHRI RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: Is it not the policy of the Government to fix the cane price far in advance to enable the agriculturists to think of sowing sugarcane or not?

SHRI RAFI AHMAD KIDWAI: That is why I said that we would fix the price by the end of October, and the agriculturists' sowing season would begin in December, January and February.

SHRI R. P. N. SINHA: Does the hon. Minister take the representatives of the agriculturists and the cultivators in confidence in fixing the price?

SHRI RAFI AHMAD KIDWAI: While fixing the price of sugarcane, I have to take into consideration the price of the alternative crops; and as the prices of alternative crops have gone down, as the hon. Member will appreciate, cane price will be lower for the next year.

#### NURSING PROFESSION

\*275. SHRI S. N. DWIVEDY: Will the Minister for HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up a committee for reviewing the conditions of service, emoluments, etc., of the members of the nursing profession; and

(b) if so, what are the terms of reference to this committee?

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

(b) A statement is placed on the Table of the House.

#### STATEMENT

*Terms of Reference on the Committee on Nursing*

The terms of reference to the Committee on Nursing are:—

(i) To survey the existing facilities for teaching in nursing, condi-