

(e) The latest report is of the Eighth International Hospital Congress a copy of which is still awaited.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: What are the main subjects that are discussed there?

SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR: The main subject discussed at the Congress Conference was preventive medicine—a major function of the hospital and its implications.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Is it a preventive medicine for separate diseases or.....

SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR: I haven't got any further details, but I can say that this subject was studied by sectional groups from the following four points of view: (1) Planning and construction, (2) Administration, (3) Medical and nursing facilities, and (4) Social and welfare services.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Are there any suggestions in the report for India to follow?

SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR: The report is still awaited.

INDO-PAKISTAN LOCUST CONFERENCES

*154. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state how many times Indo-Pakistan Locust Conferences were held up till now?

THE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE (DR. P. S. DESHMUKH): The Indo-Pakistan Anti-Locust Conference was held in July 1953 at Karachi.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Are there any international conferences to prevent locust invasions, apart from the Indo-Pakistan conference?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: Yes, Sir. There are conferences held sometimes in the Middle East countries. The matter was also discussed in the 7th F.A.O. Conference by all the countries which are interested in the prevention of locust invasions.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Are there any international organisations which give us some sort of a tip or a suggestion as to the probable time the locusts may visit our country?

SHRI RAFI AHMAD KIDWAI: I think we are considered to be the best experts in the matter of locusts prevention.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Are there any clues given to the Government of India?

MR. CHAIRMAN: We have to give them clues, perhaps.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Are the locusts going from India to other countries, Sir?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: Sometimes they return, Sir.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: From which countries generally do the locusts come to India?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: It is very difficult to say that, as they do not bear any stamp.

VITAMIN VALUE OF VANASPATI

*155. KUMARI SHOILA BALA DAS: Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what procedure Government have adopted to ensure the compliance by the manufacturers of the order issued on them to add synthetic vitamin 'A' to Vanaspati; and

(b) whether any researches are being carried out into the possibility of further increasing the vitamin value of Vanaspati?

THE MINISTER FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAFI AHMAD KIDWAI): (a) At present the order to add synthetic vitamin 'A' to Vanaspati is being enforced by physical checking of vitamin 'A' in stock with the factories, and getting periodical returns of

its supply and consumption from each factory.

(b) Yes.

KUMARI SHOILA BALA DAS: What are the firms that manufacture Vanaspati in India?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: There is a very long list.

KUMARI SHOILA BALA DAS: Which is the largest firm, Sir?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: I want notice.

KUMARI SHOILA BALA DAS: Will the Government let us know the loans and grants given to these firms for manufacturing Vanaspati?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: I do not think any loans are given. They are all private factories

SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA: Is it a fact that it is compulsory for these Vanaspati manufacturers to put in their labels that vitamin 'A' is added?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: I think that is the position.

KUMARI SHOILA BALA DAS: What is the total output in India, Sir?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: I must ask for notice.

SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA: Do we export Vanaspati?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: Yes, some portion of it.

SHRI S. M. HEMROM: Except vitamin 'A' what are the other vitamins added to Vanaspati?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: Only 'A' I believe.

SHRI S. M. HEMROM: Is there any meaning in adding vitamin 'A' to Vanaspati, Sir, while vitamin is lost either by heating and boiling and Vanaspati is seldom taken raw?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: This is a question for experts, not for Ministers.

DR. SHRIMATI SEETA PARMANAND: Is it necessary for all these factories to maintain research laboratories, and how frequently are these samples tested from these factories?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: There is a chemical analyst attached to the office of the Vegetable Oil Controller, who conducts experiments. As soon as details of the methods for finding out the results are finalised, we may be in a better position to issue instructions on the strength of sample examiner.

DR. SHRIMATI SEETA PARMANAND: In fact, every factory maintains a research laboratory. I did not want to know whether Government maintains a laboratory at the Centre.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Her question is whether the factories themselves have research sections where samples are tested.

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: I would require notice for that.

SHRIMATI SHARDA BHARGAVA: What is the percentage of Vanaspati exported from India?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: There is no fixed percentage. We see the requirement of the country and then allow what we can spare to be exported. The quantity has been varying from year to year.

श्रीमती शारदा भार्गव : क्या सरकार यह बता सकेगी कि हिन्दुस्तान में कौन कौन से राज्य ऐसे हैं जहाँ वनस्पति घी जाने की मनाही है ?

†[**SHRIMATI SHARDA BHARGAVA:** Will the Government be pleased to state what are the States in India, wherein the entry of Vanaspati is banned?]

†English translation.

डा० पी० एस० देशमुख : मेने सुना है कि राजस्थान में उनका इरादा है कि वह न आये लेकिन फिर भी वहाँ बहुत ज्यादा आ रहा है ।

†[DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: I understand that Rajasthan intends to ban it, but at present a great deal of it is being imported there.]

श्रीमती शारदा भार्गव : तो फिर ऐसे कंट्रोल को रखने से ही क्या फायदा है ?

†[SHRIMATI SHARDA BHARGAVA: Then, what is the use of retaining the controls?]

डा० पी० एस० देशमुख : सरकार कंट्रोल करने का प्रयत्न करती है क्योंकि लोग समझते हैं कि कंट्रोल से फायदा होगा ।

†[DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: The Government tries to impose controls because the people think that they would be useful.]

प्रोफेसर जी० रंगा : कंट्रोल से फायदा होगा ?

†[PROF. G. RANGA: Controls would be useful?]

डा० पी० एस० देशमुख : चंद लोग समझते हैं ।

†[DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: Some people think so.]

ADULTERATION OF RICE IN CALCUTTA RATION SHOPS

*156. KUMARI SHOILA BALA DAS
Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the controlled rice in Calcutta in ration shops is mixed with stones and other seeds harmful to the health of consumers;

†English translation.

(b) if so, what action Government have taken in the matter; and

(c) from which State this rice has been procured?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA): (a), (b) and (c). There were some complaints about certain varieties of rice issued from the ration shops in Calcutta, but on the expert analysis by the Inspection Directorate of the Government of West Bengal, it was found that those complaints were not justified.

KUMARI SHOILA BALA DAS: May I know from which part of the country the rice being distributed in Calcutta is obtained?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: Mostly the export of the rice which is supplied in Calcutta is from the hon. Member's province, Orissa. They mostly supply the superfine rice produced there to Bengal.

KUMARI SHOILA BALA DAS: Why is it that in your control shops, it is all very bad rice?

SHRI RAFI AHMAD KIDWAI: That is the rice used to be supplied by Orissa. On account of the complaints against that rice, they have withdrawn all their purchasing agents this year from Orissa, and Calcutta city would not have the bad rice this year which they had last year.

KUMARI SHOILA BALA DAS: Does the hon. Minister mean to say that all the bad rice in the country is coming from Orissa?

SHRI RAFI AHMAD KIDWAI: That was the complaint from Calcutta.

OUTSTANDING MONEY OF THE RAILWAYS FOR THE LAND LEASED TO DEFENCE DEPARTMENT

*157. SHRI GOVINDA REDDY: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a sum of eight lakhs of rupees is outstanding on account of