

(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