

UDR. P. S. DESHMUKH: Good publicity was given and the crop was also good.]

DR. D. H. VARIAVA: What is the increase in cost for the Japanese method of cultivation?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: As I said, the cost varies, but certain good cultivators have assured me that the Japanese method in many respects is much cheaper than the ordinary and local methods.

MB. CHAIRMAN: Questions are over.

SHORT NOTICE QUESTION AND ANSWER

23. SHRI P. SUNDARAYYA (On behalf of SHRI B. GUPTA): Will the Minister for COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any 'Globemaster aircraft had landed at the Dum Dum aii-port in the morning of the 24th April, 1954; and

(b) if so, (i) the nationality of that aircraft, (ii) the place from where it had come, and (iii) its destination?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) No, sir.

(b) Does not arise.

SHRI P. SUNDARAYYA: Is not the Government aware that a Globe-master aircraft landed at the Dum Dum airport on that morning and took 400 gallons of aviation petrol?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR? Sir, I repeat my answer and draw my hon. friend's attention to part (a) thereof.

SHRI P. SUNDARAYYA: Then, why is it on that particular day extra precautions were taken to patrol and security arrangements made at the airport?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: I think the hon. Member is making assumptions and suppositions which do not bear any relation to facts.

SHRI P. SUNDARAYYA: Let the Government deny that an American tEnglish translation.

Globemaster has flown with reinforcements to Indo-China.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Government's answer is: No Globemaster ever touched the Dum Dum airport on the 24th.

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: Yes, Sir. And I repeat no, no, no.

SHRI P. SUNDARAYYA: If it is not on the 24th, it may be on the previous day or a subsequent day or two or three days later.

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: For the satisfaction of the hon. Member I again repeat, 'No'.

SHRI P. SUNDARAYYA: If not the "Globemaster then it may be any other "master", say Skymaster.

SHRI K. S. HEGDE: Or a Schoolmaster !

MR. CHAIRMAN: It is like this. They saw something. They saw security arrangements. They thought it might be the American Globemaster. You say, 'No'. What is it then?

SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM: Sir, it is some defect in the seeing capacity of my friends on the other side.

SHRI P. SUNDARAYYA: Is it not a fact that a Globemaster or a Skymaster landed on the 27th at the Dum Dure airport carrying reinforcements, etc., to Indo-China?

SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM: May I know, Sir, when my hon. friend ga"e notice of this question?

SHRI P. SUNDARAYYA: We are keeping our eyes open; it is only the Government that shuts its eyes to American and French imperialists' doings in our country.

SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM: He gave notice of this question on the 27th and he is now asking whether any plane landed on the 27th. Even in respect of 27th, I say, 'No'.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

COMPENSATION PAID TO SUGAR FACTORIES

407. DR. R. P. DUBE: Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

be pleased to state the amount of compensation so far paid to sugar factories on account of the reduction in the controlled prices of sugar delivered by them during the year 1952-53?

THE MINISTER FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAFI AHMAD KIDWAI) 3-89 lakh rupees.

STUDY OF POPULATION IN INDIA

408. DR. R. P. DUBE: Will the Minister for HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rockefeller Foundation has granted \$ 68,450 towards a ten-year study of population in India;

(b) whether the grant "will be received in one lump-sum to be spent over a period of ten years or it will be received in ten annual instalments;

(c) what amount was asked for from the Foundation for an adequate study of the subject; and

(d) whether the grant will be a receipt accounted for under the major head "XXVIII Public Health" in the Central Budget for 1954-55?

THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (RAJ-KUMARI AMRIT KAUR: (a) It is understood that the Rockefeller Foundation made a grant in December 1953 of \$68,450 to the Harvard University for a field study of population problems in India.

(b) The grant is to be made available during the period ending 31st December 1955 and will be paid to the Harvard University in accord with requests supported by budgets during that period.

(c) The Government of India did not ask for any amount from the Foundation for this purpose.

(d) Does not arise.

ACCIDENTS TO RAIL MOTOR CARS

409. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of accidents which occurred to Rail Motor Cars in the years 1951-52 and 1952-53;

(b) the reasons for each such accident; and

(c) the steps taken to prevent the recurrence of such accidents?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): (a) 10 in 1951-52 and 8 in 1952-53.

(b) The information is furnished below:-

Cause	No. of accidents	
	1951-52	1952-53
(i) Failure of Railway staff	4	5
(ii) Failure of Drivers of road vehicles.	2	2
(iii) Failure of equipment:		
(a) Mechanical	1	..
(b) Electric	1	1
(iv) Running over obstructions	2	..
TOTAL	10	8

(c) Steps taken include—

(i) Effective disciplinary action against railway staff responsible for accidents.

(ii) More intensive inspections and better maintenance of rail motor cars.

(iii) Education of staff in safety rules through periodicals, circular letters, etc., to make them more safety-minded.

RAILWAY LINE TO CONNECT MADRAS TO MANGALORE via BANGALORE

410. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to connect Madras and Mangalore via Bangalore by a broad gauge railway line; and

(b) if so, when the work—

(i) will be commenced; and (ii) is likely to be completed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): (a) No, Sir, There is no proposal for a broad gauge railway line between Madras and Mangalore via Bangalore.

(b) Does not arise.