

(ii) *Buildings*.—Almost all repair works in respect of service buildings and staff quarters have practically been completed with the exception of a few minor items for which materials are awaited.

(iii) *Breaches*.—All breaches have been restored and through running resumed.

(iv) *Electrical installations*.—Repairs and replacements have been completed at 67 stations out of 71 where they were damaged and at the remaining 4 stations, the work is in progress.

(v) *Train Lighting Equipment*.— These were damaged in three coaches and all of them have been repaired.

(vi) *Other damages to rolling stock*.— These have been repaired and the stock released to traffic with the exception of one Metre Gauge coach damaged beyond repair.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Which are the districts which have been affected by this havoc?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: Tanjore and Trichy are the districts that have been affected.

DELEGATION FOR WELFARE WORK

*580. SHRIMATI SHOILA BALA DAS: Will the Minister for HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sent any delegation abroad for welfare purposes in the fields of child-welfare, maternity and adult education; and

(b) if so, how the members were selected?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR HEALTH (SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR): (a) and (b). No such delegation has ever been sent abroad by Government.

SHRIMATI SHOILA BALA DAS: May I know if the Government of India have sent any delegation abroad under any scheme?

SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR: Yes, Sir. The Government of India have sent doctors for training in maternity and child welfare under various schemes. One is the Overseas Scholarship Scheme; another is the W.H.O. and U.N.I.C.E.F.; another is under the Colombo Plan and Point Four Programme.

SHRIMATI SHOILA BALA DAS: May I know whether they have been employed after their return?

SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR: Yes, they are employed.

DR. P. C. MITRA: May I know whether these delegations are sent there to learn Western methods or to compare our methods with theirs and to evolve a common improved method?

SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR: The question does not arise at all, because I have, in my answer, said that no such delegation was ever sent abroad.

SHRI C. G. K. REDDY: This was written before the answer.

PRODUCTION OF CARDAMOM

*581. SHRI BASAPPA SHETTY: Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total annual production of cardamom in India;

(b) what is its present market rate per maund; and

(c) how much of the total quantity produced is consumed in India and how much is exported?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA): (a) 2,317 tons in 1951-52.