

of Volume III of the printed book of Demands for Grants, 1953-54, which gives the figures of estimated expenditure during 1952-53 on various items with which the Ministry of Health is concerned. Figures of actual expenditure are not available. They will be available after the accounts of the year 1952-53 are closed and will be given with the demands for grants for 1954-55.

SHRI RAHMATH-ULLAH: Are the institutions going to receive the same help in the year 1953-54 also?

SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR: I think those institutions which are under the Central Government will receive the recurring grants and the others are not entitled to receive any recurring grants.

DR. P. C. MITRA: What is the amount allotted as discretionary grant to the Minister for 1952-53?

SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR: Rs. 3 lakhs, Sir.

DR. P. C. MITRA: And what is the amount distributed at Bihar out of that fund?

SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR: If there is a separate question on 'Discretionary Grants', I will be able to answer the Member.

EXPORT OF MONKEYS

*634. SHRI RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the total number of monkeys exported from India during the years 1950, 1951 and 1952 and the countries to which they were exported?

THE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE (DR. P. S. DESHMUKH): A statement giving the available information is placed on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

Export of Monkeys

Year (April- March)	No. of Monkeys exported	Name of the countries to which exported.
1950-51	23,257	United Kingdom, Australia, Denmark, Netherlands, W. Germany, Switzerland, Italy, U. S. A. and Palestine.
1951-52	47,185	United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, Denmark, Netherlands, W. Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Belgium, U. S. A., Pakistan, Thailand and Poland.
1952-53	15,753	United Kingdom, Singapore, Canada, Australia, Denmark, Netherlands, New Zealand, W. Germany, Switzerland, Ceylon, Italy, Mozambique, Belgium, Japan and U. S. A.

SHRI RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: Sir, may I know for what purpose these monkeys are exported outside this country?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: Generally for research.

SHRI RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: May I know which is the country that is importing the maximum number of monkeys from India?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: I believe it is the U.S.A., because they have got the largest number of research institutions.

SHRI RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: May I know under what conditions these monkeys are being experimented upon in foreign countries to which they are exported?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: If my hon. friend is thinking of any ill-treatment of the animals, I may say that the utmost possible care is taken to treat the animals as humanely as possible.

SHRI RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: May I know if the crania of these monkeys are opened after giving only local anaesthesia and that they remain for nearly six hours under local anaesthesia after opening the crania?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: We have no authority to pursue the monkeys to foreign countries to find out what particular anaesthesia is used when carrying out experiments on them.

DR. P. C. MITRA: Are the Government getting any premium by the export of these monkeys?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: Nothing except the good prices that we are getting for them.

DR. P. C. MITRA: What prices?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: I can give you the figures. In 1950-51 we sent to the U.S.A. 20,690 monkeys and got Rs. 1,45,000; in 1951-52 we exported 40,749 monkeys and got Rs. 3,24,000. There was also export to Canada in 1951-52. We exported 50 monkeys and got Rs. 1,000. In 1952-53 we exported to the U.S.A. 13,062 monkeys and got Rs. 1,97,000. We sent 115 monkeys to Canada and got Rs. 2,000.

DR. P. C. MITRA: Have the Government enquired from the countries to which these monkeys are being exported as to what for they are being imported there?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: We know that this is mainly for medical investigation purposes.

DR. P. C. MITRA: Is it not possible to carry out those researches here?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: We have got plenty of them here for any experiments that we want to make.

SHRIMATI RUKMINI ARUNDALE: Is the export of these monkeys allowed for the money that is obtained as income or is it really for the benefit of medical science and improvement of knowledge?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: It is really for getting rid of them more or less.

SHRIMATI RUKMINI ARUNDALE: If we do not really export them on grounds of humanitarianism, how is it that we talk so much about Ahimsa and non-violence? Is it not the business of the Government to concern itself with the way in which these monkeys are captured and transported and is it our business to encourage torture on living creatures? That is what I want to know.

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: There is ample opportunity for us to show our humanitarian principles by our not ill-treating our donkeys, cows, etc.

SHRIMATI RUKMINI ARUNDALE: I agree. Every form of ill-treatment ought to be stopped, but certainly this form of ill-treatment in the shape of vivisection.....

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No arguments, Madam.

SHRIMATI RUKMINI ARUNDALE: That is against our principles. Regarding vivisection, I will give you an example.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You can only ask questions seeking information.

SHRIMATI RUKMINI ARUNDALE: I would like to know whether the hon. Minister has full information as regards the way these animals are being experimented upon and how many of them are being vivisected without anaesthesia and how many of them are being vivisected with anaesthesia?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: We have no reason to believe that care is not taken to see that the least amount of pain is caused to the monkeys while the investigations are being made.

SHRI BASAPPA SHETTY: May I know whether a tremendous amount of damage has been done to our crops by these monkeys and, if it is so, to what extent?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: The total population of monkeys in India is estimated at about 5 crores, and it is

a fact that they destroy crops to the extent of five to seven per cent.

SHRI B. K. P. SINHA: May I know, Sir, why Government are trying to get rid of their Darwinian ancestry?

SHRI RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: Is the hon. Minister aware of the Ziegler Monkey Chair in America?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: I have seen and most of the Members have probably seen the pictures in the papers that were circulated, and I may add that we are allowing transport only by air. Even though these chairs are provided, I do not think the monkeys have to remain in them longer than two hours.

SHRI RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: The hon. Minister has misunderstood my question.

DR. S. K. BHUYAN: May I know from what parts of India these monkeys are collected?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: These monkeys are available in almost all places.

DR. SHRIMATI SEETA PARMANAND: Is it worth while taking so much time of the House in answering questions about monkeys, when we should be more concerned with feeding our own people who are not fed properly?

SHRI RAHMATH-ULLAH: May I know if monkeys are imported from Russia?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: We have no need.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I am afraid we are getting too much monkey-minded. Next question.

MEDICAL FACILITIES FOR THE FAMILIES OF CLASS IV GOVERNMENT SERVANTS

* 635. SHRI K. C. GEORGE (on behalf of SHRI K. L. NARASIMHAM): Will

the Minister for HEALTH be pleased to state whether it is a fact that it has been decided by Government not to extend medical facilities to the families of Class IV employees; and, if so, what are the reasons for not extending this facility to them?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR HEALTH (SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR): The families of Class IV employees could not be allowed this concession due to the large expenditure involved. It is, however, proposed that the facilities for medical attendance and treatment provided under the Contributory Health Service Scheme for Government servants in Delhi, to be introduced shortly, should be available also to the families of Class IV employees.

SHRI K. C. GEORGE: May I know what are the medical facilities given to Class IV employees now?

SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR: All the facilities that are available for other Government employees.

SHRI K. C. GEORGE: My question is what special facilities are given to these Class IV employees?

SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR: All the facilities as are given to other employees are given to Class IV employees.

SHRI K. C. GEORGE: May I know what are the facilities given to other employees?

SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR: I require notice for that.

SHRI K. C. GEORGE: Has there been any memorandum submitted to the Health Ministry by the Class IV employees that they should be given medical facilities?

SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR: Not that I know of.

SHRI B. K. MUKERJEE: Am I to understand that the members of the