

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH : I do not know.

SHRI B. K. MUKERJEE : What is the number of workers employed by these 49 factories producing vanaspati ?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH : I want notice of the question.

SHRI R. P. N. SINHA : What does the hon. Minister use himself ? Vanaspati or pure ghee ?

MR. CHAIRMAN : Next question.

#### TEA STALLS AND RESTAURANTS ON RAILWAY STATIONS

\*258. SHRI D. NARAYAN : Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether separate tea stalls and restaurants for Hindus and Muslims are still maintained at important railway stations ; if so, why ;

(b) at how many stations in India this differentiation continues and whether Government propose to abolish it ; if so, when ; and

(c) whether any Harijans are running these stalls at some stations ; if so, at which stations ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN) : (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Contracts are awarded on a non-communal basis and no community-wise statistics in respect of contractors are, therefore, maintained. The information sought is, therefore, not available.

SHRI D. NARAYAN : Are there no shops on this basis on the stations at Kalyan, Bhusaval and Manmad ?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN : Now they have been designated as vegetarian and non-vegetarian refreshment rooms.

SHRI D. NARAYAN : Is it necessary that non-vegetarian shops should be given to Muslims alone ?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN : That is not the policy.

SHRI B. K. MUKERJEE : Is it a fact that the restaurant contractors were Muslims and they migrated to Pakistan, and still their contract is continued ?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN : I am not aware of any particular instance. It is brought to our notice and if it is irregular, it can be rectified.

SHRI B. K. MUKERJEE : Am I to understand that the Government will take steps if any information is supplied to them in this respect ?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN : I have given that assurance already.

KHWAJA INAIT ULLAH : Taking into consideration the religious feelings of Indians, have the restaurants serving non-vegetarian food been given strict orders not to use beef and jhatka meat ?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN : I am sorry I do not know these varieties of meat, but if they are objectionable from the religious point of view, the matter will be considered.

KHWAJA INAIT ULLAH : The hon. Minister does not know the varieties of meat, but it is a fact that Indians, especially Hindus and Muslims, never use beef and jhatka meat. Has the Government given necessary orders to the restaurants ?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN : I do not think there is any such instance.

KHWAJA INAIT ULLAH : There are. Will the Government issue necessary orders ?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN : Of course.

SHRI H. D. RAJAH : Is the Minister a vegetarian or a non-vegetarian ?

(No answer.)

SHRI D. NARAYAN : Are there not tea stalls, Muslim and Hindu, both on the same platform at Bhusaval ?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN : These communal considerations do not enter when giving contracts : they are given on merits.

SHRI B. K. MUKERJEE : What is the policy of the Government in giving out these contracts to run catering shops on platforms ?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN : The policy is simply to maintain as high a standard of catering as possible.

SHRI D. NARAYAN : Is it not a fact that they are on the same platform side by side ?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN : They may be.

MR. CHAIRMAN : As we are here side by side.

#### BUDHIST CELEBRATIONS AT SANCHI

\*259. SHRI S. MAHANTY : Will the Minister for COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any Government aeroplanes were deployed to Bhopal in the last week of November for carrying guests and delegates to the Buddhist celebrations at Sanchi ; and

(b) if so, whether the cost of such air travels is going to be met by Government ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ-BAHADUR) : (a) Only one Indian Air Force aircraft was used, at the instance of the Ministry of External Affairs, for carrying the Burmese Prime Minister's party from Delhi to Bhopal on November 29th, 1952. The Burmese Prime Minister himself travelled with our Prime Minister.

(b) Yes. The Burmese Prime Minister and his party were treated as distinguished guests of the State.

#### DIRECTORATE OF MARKETING AND INSPECTION

\*260. SHRI THAKUR DAS : Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Directorate of Marketing and Inspection is still continuing on a temporary basis since 1935 ; and

(b) whether the Estimates Committee has made its recommendations in the matter ; if so, when and what are its recommendations ?

THE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE (DR. P. S. DESHMUKH) : (a) Yes.

(b) Not yet.

SHRI THAKUR DAS : When does the Government expect the Committee's report ?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH : The matter is now of more serious consideration and I do not think it will be long before this Directorate is made permanent.

#### ALL COORG ESTATE WORKERS' UNION

\*261. SHRI K. C. GEORGE : Will the Minister for LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the District Magistrate and Chief Inspector of Factories, Coorg, have asked the Coorg Planters' Association to warn all the estate workers not to become members of the All Coorg Estate Workers' Union ; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) be in the affirmative, what action, if any, has been taken by Government in this matter ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR LABOUR (SHRI ABID ALI) : (a) The District Magistrate and Chief