

Shri Goray: I am present. No. 431.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Members must rise in their seats, put the question in a loud voice. How can I look at all the 500 Members as soon as a question is put?

Shri Goray: I thought you were dealing with Question 430.

Bombay Post Offices

*431. **Shri Goray:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state whether the contract system obtaining in the treasury department of the Bombay Post Offices is to be continued after 1957?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): The matter is under consideration.

Soil Conservation Schemes	Amount asked by the State Government	Amount actually sanctioned
Loan	Rs 87.359 lakhs.	Rs. 32.417 lakhs.
Grant	Rs 24.318 "	Rs. 7.832 "
G. M. F. Schemes		
Loan.	Rs. 134.06 "	Rs. 129.15 "
Grant.	Rs. 30.35 "	Rs. 20.54 "

Mr. Speaker: The Question Hour is over.

Shri B. K. Gaikwad: I can ask only one or two supplementaries.

Mr. Speaker: I cannot allow. The one hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Calcutta Water Supply and Drainage Schemes

*409. { **Shri D. C. Sharma:**
Shri H. N. Mukerjee:

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Calcutta Corporation has made proposals through the State Government for (i) water supply; and (ii) drainage; and

Grow More Food and Soil Conservation Schemes

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*432. { **Shri B. K. Gaikwad:**
Shri D. A. Katti:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the total loan and grant asked for by the Bombay Government under Grow More Food and Soil Conservation schemes during the year 1957-58; and

(b) the amount actually sanctioned for these schemes?

The Minister of Co operation (Dr. F. S. Deshmukh): (a) and (b). The total loan and grant asked for by the Bombay Government and the amounts actually sanctioned are as follows:—

(b) the action Government are taking thereon?

The Minister of Health (Shri Kar-markar): (a) Yes.

(b) The comments of the Central Public Health Engineering Organisation on the schemes have been communicated to the State Government. The schemes will be re-examined on receipt of fuller details.

Hostel for Railway Employees' Children

*410. **Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 728 on the 31st May, 1957 and state:

(a) the progress of the construction of a subsidized hostel for 200 children of Railway employees schooling at Secunderabad;

(b) what will be the estimated cost of the building; and

(c) whether the work will be carried out departmentally or by contractors?

The Deputy-Minister of Railways (Shri Shah nawas Khan): (a) The estimate for the work is under scrutiny of the Railway Administration.

(b) Rs. 5.00 lakhs approximately.

(c) Normally by contract.

Diabetes Mellitus

*411. { Shri V. P. Nayar:
Shri Kaswara Iyer:

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether under the auspices of the Government of India any organised research is being carried on in finding out a cure for Diabetes mellitus; and

(b) Indian drugs, if any, that are being worked upon in such research?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): (a) The Indian Council of Medical Research and the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research have instituted a comprehensive programme for the testing of indigenous drugs considered to be efficacious in the treatment of Diabetes mellitus and allied diseases.

(b) The following indigenous drugs are under investigation:

(1) Jambul or Jamun (*Eugenia Jambolana Lam*)

(2) Gular (*Ficum Bengalensis Linn*), Peepul (*Ficus glomerata Roxb*), Neem leaves (*Ficus religiosa & Melia azadirachta*).

(3) Bhimb, Kanduri (*Coccoloba Indica*)

(4) Tarwar, Awal (*Cassia auriculata*).

(5) Rattanajot, Sadaphul (*Vinca Rosea*).

(6) Hartho (*Securigera Securidacca*)

(7) Kallana Gida (*Rivera Cuneata*).

Cotton Development Schemes

*429. Shri Ganpati Ram: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in the schemes on cotton research, seed multiplication and distribution, marketing and crop surveys in 1956;

(b) the amount granted to the various States for the purpose;

(c) how many States have taken interest in its promotion and the steps taken in this regard; and

(d) whether any research has been made so far and whether any progress has been made by its application?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) and (d). *Research Schemes:*

44 Research schemes were in operation during 1955-56, and, as a result, 11 improved strains were evolved. Of these, 4 have been recommended for general cultivation;

Multiplication and Distribution Schemes:

24 seed multiplication and distribution schemes were in operation. The area under the improved varieties increased from 11.7 million acres in 1954-55 to 13.6 million acres during the year 1955-56, showing an increase of 16 %. The total extra income earned by the growers of different improved varieties is estimated at Rs. 14.4 crores;

Marketing and Crop surveys:

Details of work done, in connection with marketing and crop survey