

(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