

**Shri Narayanankutty Menon:** May I know whether there was an incident of a plane after taking off was compelled to return to the aerodrome, because the gasoline which was filled up was mixed with water?

**Shri Humayun Kabir:** There were certain reports about planes having made forced landings and in every case the cause is investigated. If the hon. Member asks about any particular instance without giving notice, it is difficult to give an answer off-hand.

**Mr. Speaker:** I cannot enlarge the scope of the question. It relates only to a particular question.

#### Soil Conservation in Manipur

\*189. **Shri L. Achaw Singh:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether any effort is being made to control shifting cultivation and promote soil conservation and terrace cultivation in the hills of Manipur;

(b) what are the steps taken in this direction;

(c) what amount of money is being provided for 1957-58 to promote terrace cultivation; and

(d) what is the acreage of land brought under terrace cultivation up to date?

**The Minister of Cooperation (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh):** (a) Yes.

(b) One Agricultural Officer (Soil Conservation) and staff have been appointed and demonstration plots have been laid down by the Forests and Agriculture Departments.

(c) Rs. 330,600/-.

(d) No survey has been made or records maintained by the State about the area brought under terrace from year to year.

**Shri L. Achaw Singh:** May I know whether Government is aware that

the tribal population of Manipur practise shifting cultivation and Government has reserved forest lands in the hills as reserved areas in order to stop shifting cultivation which has deprived them of their proprietary lands; this has created a lot of discontent among them. If so, may I know whether Government has taken any steps?

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. Member is making a speech and not putting a question. What is it that he wants?

**Shri L. Achaw Singh:** I want to know whether Government is aware that as a result of government's reserving forest lands in the hills of Manipur as reserved areas, the tribal people have been deprived of their proprietary lands as a result of which there is a lot of discontent among them. What steps have Government taken to alleviate this?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** Due notice of any hardship caused is taken and we try to do our best.

**Shri P. K. Deo:** What steps are being taken to rehabilitate those persons who are being displaced by means of restricting this shifting cultivation?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** I do not think there are any wholesale displacements of any persons. We are trying to improve their lot and increase their income from the kind of agriculture they are carrying on.

#### Gram Sevaks and Sevikas

\*192. **Shri B. S. Murthy:** Will the Minister of Community Development be pleased to state:

(a) whether a scheme of competition on a national level is being proposed to adjudge best gram sevaks and sevikas;

(b) if so, the salient features of the scheme; and

(c) the cost involved in the proposal?