

effect was noticed for a few days only. Hence no assessment could be made.

श्री बिभूति मिश्र : क्या ऐक्सपेरिमेंट हुआ है कितना परसेंट सुगर बढ़ा या घटा ?

डा० एं० ज्ञा० देसमुख : ये डिटेल्स हमारे पास मौजूद नहीं हैं ।

Shri Mehta: May I know whether Government have made experiments of this process on the varieties of sugarcane grown in the south, particularly in Bombay State and Andhra Pradesh?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: Yes, trials have been made in Andhra Pradesh and Bombay.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know why the results of this experiment were not favourable in the Punjab and what made the results favourable in other States?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: We have tried it in Punjab also, where the tests did not conform to the recommended plan, because they probably utilised their originality in making trials.

Railway Freight Structure Enquiry Committee

*1292 { Shri I. C. Sharma:
Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recommendations made by the Railway Freight Structure Enquiry Committee have been examined; and

(b) if so, the decisions taken thereon?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah nawas Khan): (a) and (b). Examination of the recommendations of the Committee regarding jurisdiction and constitution of the Railway Rates Tribunal has since been completed and the Government's decision thereon were included in the Indian Railways (Amendment) Bill, 1957, recently passed by the Parliament.

Examination of the other recommendations of the Committee is still in progress.

Shri D. C. Sharma: What are the other major recommendations of the Committee still under examination?

Shri Shah nawas Khan: The recommendations are under examination. I would rather not give them out just now.

Shri D. C. Sharma: How long will it take Government to implement at least the major recommendations of the Committee?

Shri Shah nawas Khan: The Report of the Committee is divided into three major heads. One relates to reviewing the present railway rate structure. Of course, this has to be considered by the Ministry. Then it will possibly have to be taken to the Cabinet, and other Ministries also will have to be consulted. That will take some time. One of the other major heads relates to examining whether the statutory provisions dealing with the responsibility of railways as carriers needed any change. The Committee itself has recommended that this should be applied one year after the Report has been finally examined and recommendation No. 1 has been given effect to. It will take some time.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: May I know whether there is to be some upward revision of freight to be charged by the railways? If so, because this question is still under examination, do I take it that it will not be included in the budget for 1958-59?

Shri Shah nawas Khan: I think it will be premature to say anything at this stage.

Development of Sugarcane Crop in Bihar

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*1293. { Shri Shree Narayan Das:
Shri Radha Raman:

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

(a) whether the Central Government have sanctioned any schemes to

improve sugarcane crop and develop factory areas in Bihar;

(b) if so, important features of such a scheme;

(c) the amount of money sanctioned;

(d) whether any phased programme has been framed; and

(e) if so, the nature thereof?

The Minister of Co-operation (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e). A statement giving the required information is placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 90.]

Shri Radha Raman: May I know whether in preparing the scheme, the Government of Bihar was consulted, and if so, whether that Government made certain proposals to the Central Government for this purpose?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: It is evident from the statement that the Bihar Government must have been consulted and they must have agreed to the plan. We have received no suggestion to the effect that the hon. Member has referred to.

Shri Radha Raman: May I know whether the Central Government are undertaking any research work with regard to the improvement desired in the quality as well as yield of sugarcane?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: Yes, not only the Government of India, but State Governments also carry on experiments for improvement of seeds and introduction of new varieties.

श्री विदुति मिश्र : बिहार में प्रायः सभी सुगर फैक्टरीज के पास अपने अपने कार्गो हैं। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या सरकार उन कार्गो में डेबेलपमेंट के लिये कोई ऐसा इन्तिजाम करेगी कि बीच-बाँधि की उत्पन्न हो ?

श्री. वं० झा० देवमुखा : वहाँ तक मुझे मालूम है कई जगह इंप्रूव सीड का प्रापेगेशन और मल्टीप्लिकेशन किया जा रहा है। शायद उतना काम नहीं हुआ है जितना मेम्बर साहब चाहते हैं। मगर इसमें कोई शक नहीं कि हम इसमें काफी ध्यान दे रहे हैं।

Shri Dasappa: May I know how much is realised by way of sugar excise and sugarcane cess in Bihar and how much of the realisation will be spent on developing this area?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I would ask for notice of this question.

Shri Radha Raman: May I know whether the research work to which the hon. Minister made a reference has produced some effective and useful results; and, if so, may we know what they are?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: We are continuously getting better results out of the researches and India can be proud of what it has done in the field of sugarcane research.

Shri K. N. Pandey: May I know whether the scheme in question will be carried out by the Cane Development Councils or whether there is any separate machinery for carrying it out?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I do not think the Cane Development Council figures very much. Of course, for each particular item there will be different agencies including the Department of Agriculture as well as, probably, the P.W.D. of the State because there is construction of 150 miles of pucca roads and repair to kaccha roads etc.

Enquiry into Railway Accidents

*1304. Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief Inspector of Railways has enquired into any accident during the period from the 1st April to the 30th September, 1957; and