

Shri Raj Bahadur: I am afraid the hon. Member has got the wrong impression or I was not quite clear. I did not say that the reason for rejecting our applications for admission to the Colombo conference particularly was the shortage of tonnage. I said that our expansion has been handicapped by shortage of tonnage.

Shri Hem Barua: In view of the fact that in rejecting the applications for admission to the International Conference, of the Eastern Shipping Corporation and the India Steamship Company Limited, they have adduced one reason namely that the trade is adequately represented, may I know if Government has examined whether this statement is correct or not?

Shri Raj Bahadur: I can safely assume that the Eastern Shipping Corporation and, for that matter, the Indian Steamship Company, Calcutta and the Indian Steam Navigation Company who applied for admission to this Conference, must have assessed the requirements of the trade, and *prima facie* they must have come to the conclusion that there is room for admission and for attracting some custom for themselves. Otherwise they would not have applied.

Medical College in Kanpur

*572. **Shri S. M. Banerjee:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 75% and 50% of the non-recurring and recurring expenses respectively of the Medical College in Kanpur are to be borne by the Centre; and

(b) if so, what amount has been sanctioned during 1957-58 and for 1958-59?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): (a) The Central Government have agreed to meet 75% of the non-recurring and 50% of the recurring expenditure on the establishment of the Medical College, Kanpur, subject

to a ceiling determined by the Government of India.

(b) No amount has been sanctioned during 1957-58 or for 1958-59.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: May I know whether it is a fact that the number of T. B. cases in Kanpur is the highest in India and, if so, whether there is a proposal to have a T. B. Hospital attached to this College and the financial aid likely to be given by the Centre for the purpose?

Mr. Speaker: Is there a proposal to attach a T. B. Hospital to the Medical College?

Shri Karmarkar: That is for the State Government to decide.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: May I know whether the hon. Minister's attention has been drawn to the foreign exchange difficulties faced by that College in getting apparatus for the Cancer Department and, if so, whether this difficulty is being removed by the Centre?

Shri Karmarkar: As the House is already aware, there have been foreign exchange difficulties all round and we look upon all such difficulties with the greatest possible sympathy, and whenever the Finance Ministry permits us...

Mr. Speaker: He is Minister of Health. A particular question has been put to him whether on account of foreign exchange difficulties there is delay in getting the Cancer plant or it is not possible to get it. If the hon. Minister has any information on that he may give it.

Shri Karmarkar: About the particular cancer plant I have no information, nor have I any other information about the hospital side.

Cooperative Farming in Orissa

*573. **Shri Panigrahi:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether any co-operative farming experiment has been undertaken

in Orissa in accordance with the decisions of the National Development Council; and

(b) if so, the number of such farms proposed to be located in Orissa in 1958-59?

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

(b) Thirteen co-operative farming societies will be started in 1958-59

Shri Panigrahi: May I know what allocations have been made during the Second Five Year Plan for encouraging co-operative farming in the State?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I have not got the figure of the total assistance proposed by the State Government for establishment of co-operative farming in Orissa; but so far as the proposed establishment of these thirteen co-operative farming societies is concerned a subsidy of Rs. 78,000 is proposed to be given in the year 1958-59.

Shri Panigrahi: May I know whether it is a fact that at the National Development Council meeting concern was expressed over the failure of small-scale co-operative farming and the fact that large-scale co-operative farming is taking its place; and may I know whether any decision has been taken on this?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: So far as I know we do not make any distinction between large-scale and small-scale co-operative farming. There is distinction in the credit societies. But so far as farming is concerned, at least the Central Government has not made any such distinction.

Shri P. E. Patel: May I know whether the members of these co-operative farming societies are only tillers or there are also others who do not till?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: They are expected to be only agriculturists.

Mr. Speaker: He wants to know whether they are actual farmers or persons who loan the land.

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: By its very nature these are co-operative societies for farming purposes and they must be farmers.

Shri Yajnik: May I know whether they are the owners of farms or those engaged in agricultural pursuit and tilling?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: So far as I am aware, those persons who are in possession of land, whether as owners or as tenants, they can all be included in this.

Shri Thirumala Rao: May I know if these co-operative societies are service co-operatives or if the members are joint owners of the land, having equal rights in the land owned by the society?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: The actual amount of co-operation, whether it will be only for purposes of societies or for joint farming, will be determined when these societies are actually established. What I have given are the societies proposed to be established in 1958-59.

Shri P. E. Patel: What is the annual income of a member of this co-operative farming society?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: It has yet to be established

Shri Sankaran Singh: May I know what particular facilities are granted to the members of these co-operative farming societies by the Government so that an impetus may be given to the people to form such societies?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: Different States are proposing different kinds of facilities. So far as these societies are concerned, as I have pointed out, it seems they are giving a subsidy of Rs. 6,000 per society.