

heard any adverse comments from any one of them. There have been others from the State Legislatures also and officers from States who have seen that. Whatever defects there are in the training are continually being corrected. But almost everyone has complained that after a certain age the high elevation is not very cordial in its hospitality to people.

Colorisation of Vanaspati

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*423. { Shri Harish Chandra Mathur
Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:

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

(a) whether tests for colorisation of Vanaspati have been finalised; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to enforce compulsory use of the colouring agent?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: May I know the progress made in this matter and also whether any interim report has been received?

Shri A. M. Thomas: Research is going on for finding a suitable colour for vanaspati and that is being co-ordinated under the auspices of a committee of experts appointed by the Food and Agriculture Ministry on 10th June, 1960.

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: May I know whether the Government have clearly indicated their decision that as soon as the tests are finalised, vanaspati would be coloured and whether this decision has also been conveyed to the manufacturers?

Shri A. M. Thomas: The Government has agreed in principle, as the House, knows, that if a suitable colour is found colourisation would be in-

troduced for vanaspati. The difficulty is in finding a suitable colour. We should also remember that the remedy should not be worse than the disease.

श्री स० सा० द्विवेदी : क्या इन्टरिम इन्स्टीट्यूट, देहरादून, ने किसी ऐसे कजर का प्राधिकार किया है, जिसके विशय में सरकार जांच कर रही है ? यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में क्या प्रगति हुई है ?

साध तबा कुचि मंत्री (श्री स० का० पाटिल) : कमेटी तो नियुक्त की गई है और उनकी रीकमेंडेन्स जब तक नहीं आयेगी, तब तक इस को दूसरे तीसरे इन्स्टीट्यूट के पास भेजना अच्छा नहीं होगा ।

श्री सादीबाला : माननीय मंत्री जी को यह मालूम है कि यह प्रश्न बार-बार आता है और बार-बार यही कहा जाता है कि बहुत जल्दी ही रंग डालने की कोशिश की जा रही है, लेकिन जो प्रमल घी खाने वाले हैं, इसमें रंग न मिनाने से उनको दिन-प्रति-दिन इस से नुकसान हो रहा है। अभी पिछले वक्त हमारे धूम्र मिनिस्टर ने भी यह कहा था कि इससे नुकसान होता है और जिन पदार्थों में वह जमाया जाता है, उनको बाड़ी हज्म नहीं कर सकती है और वे विचरने नहीं हैं। मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि इस सम्बन्ध में कब तक तन्दीली कर दी जायेगी, ताकि खाने वालों को बोला न हो ।

श्री स० का० पाटिल : ये तब रोखें ठीक हैं, लेकिन वह विज्ञान को बात है और विज्ञान पर तो मेरा काबू नहीं है। जब तक वह चीज नहीं निकलेगी—दुनिया में अभी तक नहीं निकली है—तब तक मैं कुछ नहीं कर सकता यह सब कुछ होते हुए भी ?

Shri S. M. Banerjee: May I know whether it is a fact that Government are unable to take a final decision because of the serious pressure from the manufacturers and if so what steps

are being taken to overcome this weakness?

Shri A. M. Thomas: It is not correct.

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri S. K. Patil): Government are committed to colourisation the moment such a convenient colour is found. Therefore, there is no question of any pressure arising.

Shri Joachim Alva: Government has been taking such a enormous time in finding a colour. But that time, the rockets have reached the moon and are reaching the venus. May I know whether this delay is due to the powerful vanaspathi interests headed by Lever Brothers?

Shri S. K. Patil: If any colour can come from the rockets, we shall welcome it.

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: Have the Government taken note of the vicious propaganda of the vanaspathi manufacturers against colourisation even before this is conveyed to them and this propaganda is carried on even through the Government periodicals? I mentioned this last time and the Minister said that he had not looked into it. May I hope that during these three months, he had looked into the matter as to whether the propaganda is carried on through the Government periodicals? What do they propose to do in the matter?

Shri S. K. Patil: Any interested party is bound to carry on propaganda. The Government do not approve of such propaganda. But I do not know about the Government publications carrying on such a propaganda. If the hon. Member brings it to my notice, surely that will be taken care of.

श्री प्रकाशवीर झास्त्री : श्री माननीय मंत्री जी ने कहा है कि नवंबर में इस बात के लिये बचनबद्ध है कि वनस्पति की में रंग मिलाया जाना चाहिये और इसके लिये

उन्होंने एक समिति भी नियुक्त की है। जब उस समिति का कार्य इतना लम्बा होता जा रहा है, तो क्या यह प्रश्न नहीं होगा कि वनस्पति की को बनाने वाली कम्पनियों को इस प्रकार का समय दे दिया जाये कि वे छः महीने या एक वर्ष में कोई ऐसा रंग बना लें, अन्यथा उसके बाद उस पर प्रतिबन्ध लगा दिया जायेगा ?

श्री स० का० पाटिल: बहु प्रश्न नहीं होगा जो काम एक साइंटिफिक कमेटी नहीं कर सकती तो क्या वे करेंगे, जो लुड इन्स्ट्रिटड हैं ?

Dieselisation of Road Transport

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*429. { **Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:**
Shri Pangarkar:
Shri Rameshwar Tanti:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 376 on the 23rd November, 1960, state:

(a) whether Government have considered the proposal for dieselisation of road transport; and

(b) if so, the result thereof?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). Commercial road transport throughout the world has been rapidly changing over from petrol to diesel-driven vehicles during the last few years. In India also the production of petrol-driven vehicles has practically stopped and the four vehicles manufacturers are concentrating on the production of diesel vehicles only. Conversion of the old petrol vehicles to diesel vehicles is also taking place. It is expected that by the end of the Third Five Year Plan the large majority of the commercial vehicles operating in the country will be diesel-driven.