

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.

Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: May I know whether the Government have received any proposal from the National Council of Applied Economic Research in this connection?

Shri Raj Bahadur: They undertook a study of this question and they have generally advised that we should change over to diesel-driven vehicles as early as possible

Shri Kasliwal: When crude oil is refined in the oil refineries, there is only a certain percentage of diesel oil that is obtained. There is some percentage of kerosene and also some percentage of petrol. Since the hon. Minister says that we should go fast with the dieselisation of the road transport, has he any intention of importing diesel oil?

Shri Raj Bahadur: The use of diesel definitely provides much more efficient operation of transport vehicles; there is not the least doubt about it. That is why and for many other factors also—the transport operators are finding it desirable to change over from petrol to diesel. That is an inevitable process. But the hon. Member is quite right and there is an imbalance in the production of motor spirit as against diesel and that imbalance increases as we increase the number of refineries and the production in the refineries.

Shri Kasliwal: What about imports?

Shri Raj Bahadur: I have already replied to it... (Interruptions).

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): May I say that the question which the hon. Member has raised is an important question and it is receiving our full attention.

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: The hon. Finance Minister has clearly stated on the floor of this House that it is his policy to see that there is a switch over from diesel to petrol and his taxation proposals are framed with

that point of view. Now, just the opposite is being said by the hon. Minister of Transport and the Ministry of Commerce and Industry is also following that course. May I know how the position is reconciled?

Shri Raj Bahadur: Reference has been made to a study made by the National Council of Applied Economic Research and I referred to the recommendations and findings in that report. Truly, it is our earnest desire that as far as possible we should use the motor spirit that we have got in our country and that was what the Finance Minister implied. That does not mean that we should not change to diesel progressively.

प्रायुर्वेद

*४३०. श्री म० सा० द्विवेदी : क्या स्वास्थ्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) प्रायुर्वेद शिक्षा को समान स्तर पर लाने के लिये भारत सरकार द्वारा बनाई गई योजना की रूपरेखा क्या है ;

(ख) इस योजना को राज्य सरकारों को निश्चित करने के विषय में क्या प्रगति हुई है और उन की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ;

(ग) इस योजना के अनुसार प्रायुर्वेद और एलोपैथी में किस प्रकार का समन्वय करने का विचार किया गया है ;

(घ) क्या नई योजना के अनुसार प्रायुर्वेद के स्नातकों को बेतनक्रम, पद और अन्य वे सब सुविधायें उपलब्ध होंगी जो एलोपैथिक स्नातकों को मिलती हैं ; और

(ङ) इस सम्बन्ध में अब तक क्या प्रगति हुई है ?

स्वास्थ्य मंत्री (श्री करमरकर) : (क) से (ङ). केन्द्रीय प्रायुर्वेदिक अनुसंधान परिषद् द्वारा बनाये गये अध्ययन पाठ्यक्रम एवं पाठ्यविषय परीक्षाधीन हैं ।