

in the cafeterias. They spend the money that they got from the Government on organisation also. If the hon. Member wants that figure, I am prepared to give that later on.

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: How many branches of the All India Women's Food Council are working at present in the country? May I know whether each of them is getting a grant and if so what is the amount that each is getting?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: They have got a net work of 35 branches all over India. They are running about 17 permanent cafeterias throughout the country. The 35 branches carry on some sort of temporary Exhibition cafeterias in Exhibitions, fairs and such places where people gather: not of a permanent nature.

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: May I know whether the Bihar Branch of the All India Women's Council has got some grant or has it been stopped?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: All the organisations which are affiliated to this Central Women's Food Council get the grants.

Shri Bansal: If there is any net profit, how is this money grant being utilised?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: It is utilised for extension of the service. They are doing excellent service. We want to see that the benefit of the service is extended throughout the country.

Prof. D. C. Sharma: May I know how this profit is utilised?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: I have already replied that it will be utilised in extension of the same service.

Shri B. S. Murthy: May I know whether the amount granted as grant-in-aid to this Council includes the amount paid by the State Governments also?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: Yes. They do get some grants from the various State Governments. Our grant is the major grant.

Dr. Amin: May I know what is the percentage of the total population of India which is benefited by the activities of this Council?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: They say that in each of the permanent cafeterias the average daily attendance is from 1,500 to 5,000 nearly. The hon. Member can calculate and have an idea of how many people are deriving benefit.

CANADIAN MISSION

*918. **Sardar A. S. Saigal:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Canadian Specialists in co-operative and Agricultural Farming have been invited to train in co-operative and agricultural methods and if so, when will they arrive?

(b) How many men will be in that Mission and what are their names?

(c) What expenditure Government will have to bear for this Mission and how many places the Mission will visit?

(d) Do Government propose to include Bilaspur in Madhya Pradesh in the tour programme of the Commission to see the various types of co-operative societies being class I co-operative societies which are run there?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) Canadian Specialists have not been invited to give training in co-operative and agricultural methods but a Canadian Agricultural and Co-operative Mission has come here on a study tour.

(b) The Mission consists of Mr. Howard L. Trueman, Mr. J. Edward O'Meara, Rev. Michael Joseph Mackinnon and Mr. Rosario H. Tremblay.

(c) No expenditure will be borne by the Government of India. The Mission will visit 20 places. A copy of their tour programme and the list of societies to be visited by them is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VI, annexure No. 33].

(d) No.

TORTOISE EGGS

*921. **Sardar A. S. Saigal:** (a) Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state whether Government are aware that tortoise eggs, nearly forty thousand are being consumed in Delhi?

(b) Is it a fact that the State Government of Delhi approached the Government of India to amend the Food Adulteration Act, so that such offences may be brought within its purview?

(c) What is the hitch in not amending the Act stated in part (b) above?

(d) Have Government conducted any laboratory test and if so, with what result?

(e) Is it a fact that on account of excessive demand for eggs this practice is going on since three to four years?

(f) Is it a fact that tortoise eggs are injurious to the health of the general public?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): (a) and (e). No definite information in the matter is available.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Tests conducted at the Nutrition Research Laboratories, Coonoor, about hens eggs and at the Bihar Nutrition Laboratory, Patna, about turtles eggs have revealed that there is practically no difference in their food value.

(f) No evil effects resulting from the consumption of tortoise eggs have come to the notice of Government.

Shri P. T. Chacko: May I know whether these eggs are regularly supplied to Members of Parliament in the Government hostels?

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur: Members ought to know better than I.

सरदार ए० एस० सहगल : क्या मंत्राली महोदया यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगी कि क्या आज कल टोर्टाईड एग्स का इस्तेमाल दिल्ली में काफ़ी हो रहा है और इस के विषय में पत्रों में भी काफ़ी समाचार प्रकाशित हो रहे हैं ?

राजकुमारी अमृत कौर : मैं ने इस सवाल का जवाब दे दिया है । मेरे पास इस बारे में और ज्यादा इन्फार्मेशन नहीं है ।

सरदार ए० एस० सहगल : क्या मैं सरकार से यह प्रार्थना कर सकता हूँ कि वह इस के बारे में पूरी तहकीकात कर के सारी बातें हाउस के सामने रखने की कृपा करें ?

राजकुमारी अमृत कौर : मेरे पास इस सवाल का जवाब यही है कि इस बारे में उनको स्टेट गवर्नमेंट से प्रार्थना करनी चाहिये ।

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Only hon. Members who take eggs must put supplementaries.

Shri V. P. Nayar: The hon. Minister said just now that there was no difference in food value. May I know whether as a result of research conducted in these laboratories, it has been found to have any injurious effect if eggs of chelonian reptiles are used?

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur: As far as I am aware, no.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: We are now only concerned with tortoises.

Shri Bansal: If there is no difference in the nutritive value of these eggs, are Government taking any steps to popularise their consumption?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Very well. Taste and other things are there. Next question.

DOUBLE RAILWAY LINE OVER KRISHNA BRIDGE

*922. **Shri Gopala Rao:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether Government are contemplating to lay double Railway lines on the Krishna Bridge in view of the congestion in Railway traffic there?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): No, but, in connection with the Five Year Plan, it is proposed to separate the existing mixed gauge into separate Broad Gauge and Metre Gauge between Kistna Block House and Sitanagaram North Cabin, and widen the railway bridge across the Kistna Western Canal to increase the line capacity.

Shri Gopala Rao: Whether the Government are prepared to lay double lines: that was the question. It has not been answered.

Shri Alagesan: No.

Shri Raghavaiah: Have any representations been made to the Ministry of Railways regarding this, to see that this materialises as early as possible?

Shri Alagesan: Yes, Sir. It will be done as early as possible.

Shri B. S. Murthy: May I know whether the Minister is aware that there is a great volume of public opinion on this in view of the bottleneck between Bezwada and Tenali?

Shri Alagesan: This has been sufficiently discussed during the Budget debate. We are taking all necessary steps.

Shri Raghavaiah: May I know whether it is placed in Part I of the Five Year Plan or Part II?