

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** That is not so. It is incorrect.

**Dr. Jaisoorya:** What action can the Government take against ticketless travellers in stations where there are no tickets available because they are not supplied?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** As far as we are aware, there is no such station where tickets are not issued.

**Dr. Jaisoorya:** In the Central Railway.

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** If the hon. Member would give us a list of such stations...

**Shri Jaipal Singh:** We have just been told that Bombay, U.P., Orissa and Assam have been singled out for these experiments. Does it mean that other Provinces are more honest and less criminal?

**Shri Sarmah:** Is Government aware that the practice of withholding the issue of tickets by the staff in railway stations is still in continuance now? Till the train comes they do not open the counter, and issue tickets. People are hustled into Railway Compartments when the train arrives and they pay money to ticket-collectors and checkers.

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** I do not say that everything is perfect in our railways. There may be some isolated cases where some ticket issuing authorities are causing great inconvenience to the general public but on the whole that is not so. If there are any such cases, the hon. Member should bring those to the notice of the Railway Ministry who will take proper action.

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** Next question.

**Shri Sarmah:** On a point of order, Sir. It is this. What is the remedy for a Member if an hon. Minister is pleased to reply, on insufficient instructions for instance...

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** The point of order has only to be stated.

**Shri Sarmah:** I will elaborate it.

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** I have understood it. The House has understood the point. The Minister explains to the best of his information. What is to be done under particular circumstances, so on and so forth is a matter of administrative detail. It does not arise out of the question. In the last minute, somebody comes rushing and the Minister has no time. These are all human difficulties and according to the Minister's statement, the Government is certainly looking to it. There-

fore there is no question of a point of order.

#### INTERNATIONAL FARM YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

**\*1068. Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Advisory Committee of the International Farm Youth Exchange programme of the U.S.A. has approached the Government of India for sending some Indian Farm youths to the U.S.A. in 1953?

(b) If so, how many youths will be sent to the U.S.A. in the year 1953?

(c) How will they be selected?

**The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh):** (a) Yes.

(b) Fifteen at the cost of the 4-H Clubs and 5 at their own expense.

(c) The preliminary selection will be made by the State Selection Committees and the final selection by a Central Selection Committee.

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** May I know whether the entire expense of these students will be borne by the 4-H Clubs or a part will also be borne by the Government of India?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** Except five boys, who have to pay only their transport to and from U.S.A., the whole expenditure will be borne by the Club.

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** What are the qualifications required for selection of these candidates?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** They should be between the ages of 20 and 28. They should have, if possible, some training in agriculture. They should not be such persons as are likely to take up Government service. They should, as far as possible, be such as will certainly return back to the farms and carry on better farming.

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Have the Government of India to do anything in selecting their itinerary in U.S.A.?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** We have nothing to do so far as their itinerary is concerned because there are several families in the U.S.A., who are going to look after them and these families have been selected by the American Embassy.

**Shri Damodara Menon:** May I know whether these farm youths will get any training in any particular agricultural operation when they are in America?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** Yes, Sir, but there is no stereotyped course of training. This is left to the family which will look after them and the choice of the students concerned.

**Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy:** May I know whether the Selection Committees have sat and selected students already and if so, which are the States from which students have been selected?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** I have not got the names of the boys or names of the States here.

**Shri Dabhi:** Are they selected State-wise?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** No, Sir.

**Shri Jasan:** Has the selection been made for the year 1953?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** It is all for 1953.

**Shri T. S. A. Chettiar:** It is only for 1953 or continuing for the coming year?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** This is only for 1953. It will depend upon the 4-H Club to renew it or not.

**Shri Balkrishnan:** May I know on what basis selections will be made and whether these farm youths will be selected from the tillers of the soil?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** That is the intention.

**Shri Kelappan:** May I know whether we are sending farm youths to any other country in 1953?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai):** There has been no other invitation. If there is any invitation from any other country, then the selection will be made.

**Shri Gopala Rao:** May I know how these Indian youths after gaining experience in U.S.A. are going to transfer their experience in Indian conditions?

**Shri Kidwai:** They have been selected from actual farmers and they are expected to use their experience in their own farms.

**Shri Boovaraghasamy:** In selecting the youths, do the Government consider only educational qualifications or previous experience also?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** It is essentially the practical experience on the farms that is given highest priority and not merely qualifications although educa-

tional qualifications are also taken into consideration.

**Shri Kelappan:** In this programme, how many youths are coming from U.S.A. in 1953?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** We are likely to have between five to nine farm youths.

**Shri Punnoose:** May I know the type of benefit we are likely to derive by sending our youths to America in view of the fact that there is such a fundamental difference between farming in America and this country?

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** It is an argument.

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** There are many things which are common also.

#### DEMAND OF FERTILIZERS

\*1069. **Shri M. R. Krishna:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state what is the total value of fertilizers required by the States in India?

(b) Is the entire demand of fertilizers met from the stocks produced in the country?

**The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh):** (a) In addition to stocks of about 180,000 tons of ammonium sulphate held by States at the end of 1952, the demands for that fertiliser from State Governments and the tea and coffee industry, who get their supplies direct from the Ministry of Food and Agriculture, total 3.7 lakh tons, the value of the latter being about 11 crores of rupees. This excludes the requirements for Superphosphate which cannot be assessed as it has varied greatly depending on the price.

(b) No. The demand is growing, and efforts are being made to develop it. The production of Ammonium Sulphate from existing factories is of the order of 3.6 lakh tons only.

**Shri M. R. Krishna:** May I know whether it is a fact that since the fertilizer produced in Sindri Factory is more costly than the imported fertilizer from Japan, heavy stocks of fertilizer are lying unsold?

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** That has been asked again and again.

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** We get imported fertilizer cheaper but this is due to the fact that the Governments which sell it to us subsidise it very heavily.

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