

Shri Punnoose: Did that International Conference fix any floor prices or ceiling prices for sugar?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: Not that I know of. In any case it would not affect us.

U. S. CIVIL AERONAUTICS ADMINISTRATION

*1189. **Shri Radha Raman:** (a) Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state how many Indian officials sent by his Ministry received training at the Research Centre of the U.S. Civil Aeronautics Administration during the year 1952?

(b) Were they all sent at Government expense?

(c) Have they been taken in service in India after their training?

The Minister of Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram): (a) Four officers of the Civil Aviation Department received training by way of 'study and observation' for a few days each at the Technical Development and Evaluation Centre of the U.S. Civil Aeronautics Administration at Indianapolis.

(b) They were sent under the U.S.A.'s Point Four programme according to which the U.S. Government met all expenses in respect of passages, living expenses, travelling expenses in the U.S.A., tuition fees, cost of technical books and publications etc.

(c) They were all officers of the Civil Aviation Department and were sent on deputation for training; on return they resumed their duties in the Department.

Shri Radha Raman: May I know, Sir, what was the duration of their training in U.S.A.?

Shri Jagjivan Ram: Six to nine months.

Shri Radha Raman: Will the hon. Minister be pleased to say what was the total expenditure incurred on these four officers?

Shri Jagjivan Ram: As I have said, all the expenses were met by the U.S. Government. What we spent was a

very small amount, such as on medical examination, etc., of these officers.

Shri Nanadas: May I know whether any of these officers belonged to Scheduled Castes?

Shri Jagjivan Ram: I am afraid, No, Sir.

Sardar Hukam Singh: May I know whether these officers, on return from their training, were entrusted with duties for which they got the training, or they were put on different duties?

Shri Jagjivan Ram: In most cases we try to utilise those officers in those branches of civil aviation where we can take advantage of their training most. But in a few cases, due to administrative reasons, it may not be possible to put all the officers in that line of civil aviation.

Sardar Hukam Singh: But were they actually put on those duties for which they were trained?

Shri Jagjivan Ram: All the four have been placed on duties where we will get the maximum utilisation of their training.

श्री भक्त बर्षान : श्री माननीय मंत्री महोदय ने बतलाया कि चार अफसरों को ट्रेनिंग दी गयी, मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि उन में से किसी ने हेलीकॉप्टर्स के बारे में शिक्षा प्राप्त की है और यदि प्राप्त की है तो उस का क्या उपयोग किया जा रहा है ?

श्री जगजीवन राम : किसी ने हेलीकॉप्टर के बारे में ट्रेनिंग नहीं प्राप्त की है ।

RESEARCHES ON INFLUENZA

*1190. **Shri Radha Raman:** (a) Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state whether it is a fact that some researches on influenza were carried out in the Pasteur Institute at Coonoor, set up by the World Health Organization?

(b) If so, what are its findings?