

**Rajkumari Amrit Kaur:** Of course, they are for everybody.

**Shri Muniswamy:** May I know whether the expenditure will be met wholly by the Central Government or partly by the State Government and partly by the Central Government, and whether in the latter case, any report has been called for from the State Government?

**Rajkumari Amrit Kaur:** Naturally only by the Central Government for whose employees they are mainly constructed.

**Shri Velayudhan:** Is the hon. Minister aware that railway hospitals are existing in these cities, and may I know whether these hospitals cannot be made use of by the Central Government employees, since they are only very few in number?

**Rajkumari Amrit Kaur:** This question is under examination.

#### IMPORT OF SUGAR

\*800. **Shri P. N. Rājabhoj:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the circumstances under which the Notification of the Commerce Ministry of the 22nd June, 1952 calling for applications for import of sugar was cancelled?

(b) Is it a fact that such a cancellation has led to an adverse effect on the internal sugar prices?

**The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh):** (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 22.]

**Shri T. N. Singh:** Government having attained the target set by the Planning Commission, why was it at all necessary to import sugar from abroad?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai):** The Planning Commission had contemplated that the Indian sugar factories will produce 15 lakhs of tons in 1955-56. That target we exceeded in 1952-53.

The Planning Commission had also contemplated that what we would produce in 1955-56 will be more than sufficient for the country, but we have exceeded that target also. This year, our estimate as to the consumption in Indian markets will be over 16 lakhs of tons, and as the carry-over is small, it was thought that if at this time sugar is imported, perhaps it will affect the prices.

**सेठ गोविन्द दास :** क्या यह बात सही नहीं है कि गये साल जितना उत्पादन इस वर्ष हुआ उस से कम हुआ था और इतने पर भी हम को बाहर से शकर नहीं मंगानी पड़ी थी, बल्कि हम यह सोच रहे थे कि हम शकर बाहर भेज सकेंगे। तो क्या इस वर्ष के अन्दर यहाँ पर इतना ज्यादा खर्च बढ़ गया है कि शकर बाहर से मंगानी पड़ेगी। और अगर बारह से मंगानी पड़ी तो कब तक मंगानी पड़ेगी।

**श्री किचवई :** इस साल लोगों ने शकर ज्यादा खाया। यह मुमकिन है कि शकर के डिस्ट्रिब्यूशन पर कंट्रोल नहीं था, यह मुमकिन है कि शादियां ज्यादा हुई हों, यह मुमकिन है कि लोग पहले गुड़ खाते थे, मगर चूँकि बाज़ी जगहों पर गुड़ का दाम बढ़ कर २८ रु० हो गया तो शायद लोगों ने सोचा हो कि दो रुपये और ज्यादा खर्च कर के शकर खा लें। बहरहाल इस साल शकर ज्यादा खर्च हुई है।

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** I want to inform hon. members that about two hours' time has been fixed for a discussion on sugar and sugar-cane prices, and that might be coming up tomorrow. Hon. members may discuss at length during that period. I have received as many as 25 names, but other names can still be included in the list, and the time rationed amongst all of them.

Let us therefore proceed to the next question.

**Shri Heda:** But sugar and sugar-cane prices are quite different matters.

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** That would deal with both, sugar as well as sugar-cane prices.

**Shri Syed Ahmed:** May I put only one supplementary? I have never done it before.

क्या मंत्री महोदय यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि किसी खास श्रेणी या जाति के लोग हिन्दुस्तान में ऐसे हैं जिन्होंने शकर ज्यादा खाना शुरू कर दिया है ?

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** Why not we proceed to the next question?

Tomorrow hon. Members can take part in the discussion.

**Shri Kidwai:** But tomorrow is not for discussion.

#### T. B. CLINIC AT IMPHAL

\*801. **Shri Rishang Keishing:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no qualified doctor in charge of the T.B. clinic at Imphal and patients are hardly availing the opportunity for treatment in this clinic because of lack of facilities for effective treatment; and

(b) the percentage of incidence of T.B. in Manipur State and the number of persons inoculated with B.C.G. against T.B. so far?

**The Deputy Minister of Health (Shrimati Chandrasekhar):** (a) No. A doctor who has received training in tuberculous diseases is in charge of the T.B. work. At present he is employed on B.C.G. work and in his absence a doctor who is a Radiologist is looking after the clinic. It is not correct to say that patients are not availing themselves of treatment provided in this clinic. The clinic has free screening, examination of sputum, A.P. and free X-Ray for in-patients. Steps are also being taken to increase the number of beds for the in-patients.

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(b) Reliable information about the incidence of tuberculosis in Manipur is not available. 38,045 persons have so far been B.C.G. vaccinated in the State.

**Shri Rishang Keishing:** Are Government aware that the number of T.B. patients in the hill area is on the increase, and if so, what steps have the Government taken to check it?

**Shrimati Chandrasekhar:** We know that the incidence of T.B. is on the increase, and are taking all possible steps to alleviate the suffering.

**The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur):** May I also add that there is already a T.B. hospital of 20 beds in Imphal, and there is also a scheme for starting a T.B. Sanatorium there.

**Shri Rishang Keishing:** Are Government aware of any organisations like the T.B. Association in Manipur?

**Rajkumari Amrit Kaur:** There is no T.B. Association at present, but my adviser has looked into the position there, and I understand that steps are being taken to start a T.B. Association in Imphal.

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** May I know whether B.C.G. inoculation campaign has been organised in all the States? If not, are the Government going to take steps to have it organised in all the States?

**Shrimati Chandrasekhar:** Yes, in all the States, B.C.G. campaign has been started.

#### FLOODS IN IMPHAL VALLEY

\*802. **Shri Rishang Keishing:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of damage due to floods and the relief given to the flood-stricken people in Manipur during the year 1953;

(b) whether Government have investigated the causes of floods in the Imphal valley; and

(c) if so, the steps which have been taken or are proposed to be taken by