

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

Government to control floods in the Imphal valley?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa):

(a) As a result of minor floods during the last week of July, 1953, about 250 acres of land came under water, which receded in two days. Two houses, an outhouse and a cowshed collapsed. As the damage was negligible no relief was considered necessary.

(b) Yes. An officer of the Central Waterways, Irrigation and Navigation Commission (now Central Water and Power Commission) was deputed by the Government of India in 1947 to explore the possibility of flood protection, reclamation, power generation and irrigation in Manipur. The State was also visited by another officer of the Commission in 1952.

(c) A sum of Rs. 30,000 was sanctioned in 1951-52 and another sum of Rs. 40,000 was sanctioned in 1952-53 for repairing embankments along the three important rivers in Manipur valley, viz. Imphal, Iril and Nambal. A further sum of Rs. 70,000 was spent in repairing breaches caused by floods in 1951-52. Further measures are under investigations.

Shri Rishang Keishing: May I know the loss in the production of rice in Manipur, due to the July floods last year?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: The July flood was only a very minor flood, and our information is that only one cowshed, and one house had collapsed, but no damage was done to the crops.

Shri Rishang Keishing: Is it not a fact that floods are coming more often in Manipur, after the Central Government took over the administration of the State, and if so, cannot one of the causes of these floods be attributed to the Central Government administration?

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: May I know whether an expert was appointed by the Government of India to investigate the causes of frequent floods, and whether that expert suggested that

the Jhum system of cultivation carried on in that area was the only possible cause of these frequent floods, and if so whether the Government are taking any steps to remove this system of cultivation?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: In Manipur, floods are a regular annual feature. For the last two years, the floods have increased in Assam, and there have also been some major floods. In Manipur, due to the weakness of the embankment on the river Imphal, the floods occur, and not due to any other reason.

Shri Syed Ahmed: Are the floods very frequent every year in Imphal?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: The floods are an annual feature in Imphal. The whole valley there is created by the floods which bring in more soil, as a result of erosion.

Shri Syed Ahmed: Are there any long-term arrangements in the contemplation of the Government, to control these floods?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: I had been to Manipur myself, and there was a heavy flood when I was there. In fact, I was held up for about a week there, on account of the floods, and I visited the flood areas along with our hon. friend Mr. Rishang Keishing; an officer of the P.W.D. also was with us, and he has submitted a report to check the floods as far as possible, and that report is under the active consideration of Government.

Short Notice Questions and Answers

BREEDING OF LOCUSTS IN RAJASTHAN AND AJMER

I. Shri Kasliwal: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the States of Rajasthan and Ajmer have been threatened by a serious and unprecedented locust menace and a