

Shri Muniswamy: May I know, Sir, whether the Minister could tell us the proportion of the density of population between 1951-52 and 1952-53?

Shri Alagesan: How does it arise out of this, Sir?

Mr. Speaker: He refers to the question about census. What is the density of population where? In that particular zone?

Shri Muniswamy: In 1952.

Mr. Speaker: We will go to the next question.

सरदार ए० एस० सहगल : क्या यह सच है कि जब गाड़ियां स्टेशन पर खड़ी हो जाती हैं और जत्र पैसंजर उतर जाते हैं, उस के बाद सेंसस ली जाती है, जबकि सेंसस लेने के लिये गाड़ी को बीच में खड़ी कर के सेंसस ले सकते हैं ?

रेलवे तथा परिवहन मंत्री (श्री एल० बी० शास्त्री) : इतने डिटेल की जानकारी तो मुझे नहीं है, लेकिन मैं यह समझता था कि सेंसस ट्रेफिक के फायदे के ब्याल से ली जाती है और इसलिये ली जाती है कि उस से मालूम हो सके कि वहां पर ट्रेन्स बढ़ाने की जरूरत है या ट्रेन्स को एक्सटेंड करने की जरूरत है या नहीं। इसी ब्याल से यह सेंसस ली गई और इस के डिटेल्स मेरे पास हैं। माननीय मेम्बर देखना चाहें तो देख सकते हैं और उनको मालूम हो जायगा कि इस की वजह से कितनी ट्रेनों को बढ़ाया गया है और कितनी को एक्सटेंड किया गया है।

RAILWAY CORRUPTION ENQUIRY COMMITTEE

*535. **Shri Jhulan Sinha:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the progress so far made by the Railway Corruption Enquiry Committee?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): The Committee has so far held three meetings.

They have issued a questionnaire and the replies received are being collated.

Shri Jhulan Sinha: In view of the necessity of eliminating corruption as soon as possible, may I know whether Government are taking any steps to expedite the submission of the report?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: I am sure the Committee and its President in particular are as keen as any other hon. Member here to deal with this matter as expeditiously as possible.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: May I know if this Committee has visited any other place; and if so, how many places has it visited so far?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: The Committee has visited Allahabad only so far, but later on it is intended that the Committee will tour almost throughout the country.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: May I know the circumstances which led this Committee to visit Allahabad first?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: Because in Allahabad there was a large number of pilgrims expected, it was considered that it would be a very good place to see if there was any corruption indulged in by the Ticket Collectors or Ticket Examiners.

SUGAR POSITION IN MADRAS

*536. **Shri Muniswamy:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that a consignment of 7,500 tons of sugar arrived at Madras port during the second week of December, 1953;

(b) how the consignment was distributed in the State; and

(c) whether the supply position of sugar in the Madras State is satisfactory?

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

(b) The consignment was distributed in accordance with the normal practice of sale to the co-operative Societies and merchants of the State by inviting tenders.

(c) Yes.

Shri Muniswamy: May I know whether any request was made by the Madras Government, and if so, for what quantity?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): I am not aware of any request. It might have come later. I will find out.

Shri Muniswamy: May I know wherefrom this sugar was imported?

Shri Kidwai: Sugar is imported from wherever it is available. In this particular case, I am not in a position to say wherefrom it was imported.

KHADI UNIFORM

*537. **Shri Dabhi:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to use khadi for uniforms supplied to the Posts and Telegraphs employees; and

(b) if so, at what stage is the matter?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes.

(b) The staff entitled to uniforms in all administrative offices are being supplied with uniforms in Khadi since 1950. Regarding the other staff the implementation of the policy is entrusted to a Committee appointed by Works, Housing and Supply Ministry in which the P. & T. Department is also represented. The Committee are examining the availability of suitable substitutes, the extent of price preference to be given, and whether any relaxations would be necessary in respect of standard specifications.

Shri Dabhi: May I know how many employees were given this khadi uniform and how many rupees worth of khadi is likely to be required?

Shri Raj Bahadur: The increase in the cost of khadi uniforms will come to about Rs. 8 lakhs, and our present consumption is about Rs. 10 lakhs worth. So, on a rough estimate, the

total may be about Rs. 18 lakhs worth of khadi.

Shri Dabhi: How many employees will be getting this khadi uniform?

Shri Raj Bahadur: The exact number, I cannot give.

HONEY

*538. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of honey produced annually in the different States of India; and

(b) what efforts are being made to make India self-sufficient in honey?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr P. S. Deshmukh): (a) No Information is available.

(b) In almost every State production of honey on a Cottage Industry basis is being encouraged. In some States Co-operatives and private agencies are also resorting to bee-keeping. Under Government auspices, research is also being conducted on various aspects of honey production.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know if the representations and resolutions submitted by the All-India Bee-Keepers' Association have been examined by Government, and if so, what action is proposed to be taken on them.

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I would like to have notice of the question. I think some action is being taken.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know if anything is being done to encourage bee-keeping, specially in the hill districts of India?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: Very great efforts are being made.

Shri Heda: The hon. Minister said figures are not available. Do Government contemplate to find out how much honey is being produced in India and how much honey is being imported?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I do not know whether it would be worth while to do so, but without committing myself, I