

Nutrition Advisory Committee set up in 1951 has been submitted to Government; and

(b) if so, whether a copy thereof will be placed on the Table of the House together with the recommendations accepted by Government?

The Deputy Minister of Health (Shrimati Chandrasekhar): (a) Yes.

(b) Copies of the report of the Subcommittee have been placed in the Library of the House. The recommendations are under consideration.

ASSISTANT INSPECTORS

*2463. **Shri Raghavaiah:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to recruit Assistant Inspectors in the Postal Department; and

(b) if so, whether the recruitment will be made from among the departmental candidates or the posts will be thrown open to outsiders as well?

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

(b) The matter is under consideration.

Shri Raghavaiah: May I know whether Government consider that in the interests of maintaining efficiency in the administration, there should be recruitment from among the departmental candidates and not from outsiders?

Shri Raj Bahadur: It is exactly in the interests of efficiency that we want to introduce this cadre. The matter whether it should be exclusively reserved for the departmental candidates or thrown open to outsiders also is under consideration. As a matter of fact, the criterion for determining efficiency is not whether they come from outside or from the department, but the merit of the candidates themselves.

Shri Raghavaiah: May I know whether the Government is aware of the fact that recruitment from among the

departmental candidates will show that their past experience will also count?

Shri Raj Bahadur: The House might be aware that so far as postal services are concerned, apart from the clerical cadre and the Indian Postal Service Class I, there is no direct recruitment for other cadres and the intervening cadres like inspectors, superintendent, post offices class II, etc. are filled by departmental promotions. As such, it is necessary to have more direct recruitment from outside also.

Mr. Speaker: Next question.

Shri Raghavaiah: One question, Sir.

Mr. Speaker: I am going to the next question. It is no use interfering too much in administrative details.

SUGAR-CANE CULTIVATION IN BIHAR

*2464. **Shri Bibhuti Mishra:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Sugar-cane Committee is aware that almost all the cane varieties so far introduced in North Bihar have become diseased;

(b) whether the Committee has suggested any new variety suitable for the soil of North Bihar; and

(c) the name of the variety?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) It is not a fact that all varieties of sugarcane have become diseased. The varieties under general cultivation in North Bihar during 1952-53 were Co. 313, Co. 513, B. O. 10, B. O. 11, Co. 453, B. O. 21, B. O. 22 and B. O. 24. Out of these B. O. 11 and Co. 453 only have been affected in this area.

(b) and (c). Yes. Varieties B. O. 10, B. O. 3, B. O. 17 and B. O. 14 have been distributed in this area. Other promising varieties are being tested and will be released if found suitable.

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