

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.

श्री बिभूति मिश्र : मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि बी० १०, बी० ११ और ४५३ तो कडेम हो गये । जो दो और वैराइटीज बत-

लाई हैं उनमें इस साल कितने खेत आबाद हुये हैं ?

डा० पी० एस० देशमुख : यह तो स्टेट गवर्नमेंट से मालूम करना पड़ेगा । हमारे पास यह इन्फार्मेशन नहीं है ।

श्री विभूति मिश्र : यह जो नयी वैराइ-टीज मंत्री जी ने बतलायीं, उन नई वैराइ-टीज के बीज किसानों को नहीं मिले और खेत आबाद नहीं हो पाये, क्या यह सही है ?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : आपका सवाल क्या है ?

श्री विभूति मिश्र : यह जो वैराइटीज हैं यह पूसा इंस्टीट्यूट में ही रह गयीं, किसानों को नहीं मिलीं ।

स्वास्थ्य तथा कृषि मंत्री (श्री किदवाई) : आपका यह सवाल हम बिहार गवर्नमेंट के पास भेज देंगे कि वह अपना फर्ज अच्छी तरह भदा नहीं करती ।

Shri Heda: In view of the fact that the yield in sugarcane is very low in these parts, will the Government also consider the increase of yield when they are deciding upon different varieties of seeds?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: Yes, Sir. We are trying to take up, next to paddy intensive and better cultivation of sugarcane also.

NITROFURANS

*2465. **Sardar A. S. Saigal:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a new chemical known as nitrofurans has been discovered;

(b) whether it is a fact that tests have proved it effective against such diseases as mastitis in the case of cattle etc.; and

(c) whether Government propose to conduct similar tests on the cattle in India?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) Yes. An important group of new chemicals called nitrofurans has been developed in the United States of America.

(b) The new drugs of this group have given promising results in the treatment of diseases of both man and animals. Some advantages mentioned in the use of these nitrofurans are absence of untoward side effects, and no drug resistance is developed and that their action is more specific against the disease producing agents.

(c) Yes, as supplies of the drug become available.

सरदार ए० एस० सहगल : अभी तक भारत के चौपायों पर इस केमिकल का प्रयोग हुआ है या करने का विचार सरकार कर रही है ?

डा० पी० एस० देशमुख : सरकार का विचार तो है । मगर यह काफी क्वांटिटी में हमें नहीं मिल रहा है । मिलने के बाद हम इस्तेमाल करेंगे ।

REGIONAL CO-OPERATIVE TRAINING COLLEGES

*2468. **Shri S. N. Das:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken so far for the establishment of five regional colleges for the training of intermediate grade personnel for co-operative institutions and co-operative department;

(b) where these colleges are going to be located;

(c) what will be the capacity of each; and

(d) what will be the recurring and non-recurring expenditure thereon?