

because we are accustomed to a certain kind of taste, people do not like to take it.

Shri B. S. Murthy: May I know, if a private agency comes forward to produce this yeast on a large scale and supply it at a cheap rate, whether Government will consider the offer?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: That is a suggestion for action. Yeast is being eaten almost every day.

Sardar Hukam Singh: May I know if during the experiments it was discovered that to a certain percentage of persons it causes digestive upsets? If so, what was the percentage?

Shrimati Chandrasekhar: This happened only in the case of 3 out of 21. The digestive trouble might not have been due to yeast, it might have been due to other causes. There is no evidence to show that yeast causes digestive trouble.

P. & T. TRAINING CENTRES

*1433. **Sardar Hukam Singh:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state :

(a) the places where P. & T. Training Centres have been opened in India to train new recruits; .

(b) the number of recruits who received training in these Centres during 1953-54; and

(c) whether the Government of Nepal utilised such Centres for training their recruits during this period?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) On the telegraph side there is one Training Centre at Jabalpur and on the postal side there is one at Saharanpur.

(b) Between 1st April and 31st December 1953, 469 trainees passed out of the Tele-communication Training Centre at Jabalpur while 939 trainees were trained at the P. & T. Training Centre, Saharanpur, during the whole year 1953-54.

(c) No trainee of the Nepal Government was deputed to the Saharanpur

Training Centre. Two candidates sponsored by her under the Colombo Plan joined the Mechanics class at Jabalpur.

Sardar Hukam Singh: In the last report, we were told that there was a proposal to open other centres also. May I know the reasons for not opening those centres?

Shri Raj Bahadur: The main reasons were the lack of suitable accommodation, and also the finalisation of the financial schemes concerning these centres.

Sardar Hukam Singh: It has been pointed out in the Five Year Plan that these centres are intended to remove deterioration in the quality of service. In what respects has the efficiency or the quality of personnel been improved by these centres?

Shri Raj Bahadur: The training is essentially aimed at improving the efficiency of the working of the department. To the extent that we are sending out more and more of trained clerks, R.M.S. sorters and other officials, the efficiency in the services is improving.

Shri T. S. A. Chettiar: May I know whether Government have considered the advisability of opening these centres on a regional basis?

Shri Raj Bahadur: Yes, that is what is contemplated. We are opening one in Madras for the Madras and Andhra Circles, one in Hyderabad for the Hyderabad and Central Circles, one in Bombay for its own purpose, and one in the Bihar Circle for the eastern region.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: The hon. Minister has already said that these centres have been opened on a zonal basis.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether many science graduates are working as clerks in post offices, and whether their training in these training centres has been arranged?

Shri Raj Bahadur: That depends upon the competitive or other selection examinations for which they appeared and were selected as a result of the same. If they appeared at the examination for clerks, they can only be taken as clerks.

Shri Muniswamy: May I know whether all cadres of postal employees are given training in these centres?

Shri Raj Bahadur: It is not physically possible. We require many more centres for that.

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* १४३४. सेठ गोविन्द दास : क्या परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) १९५३ के अन्त में भारतीय जहाजों का कुल टनभार कितना था ; और

(ख) उन में से कितने टनभार के जहाज तटवर्ती व्यापार में संलग्न थे और कितने टनभार के जहाजों का उपयोग विदेश यात्रा के लिए किया जा रहा था ?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) 4,35,300 G.R.T.

(b) Coastal trade—2,57,217 G.R.T.
Overseas trade—1,78,083 G.R.T.

सेठ गोविन्द दास : १९५२ में जितने जहाज चलते थे, उससे सन् १९५३ में कुछ बढ़े हैं या उतने ही हैं ?

श्री शाहनवाज खां : कुछ थोड़े से बढ़े हैं ।

सेठ गोविन्द दास : अब जो यह साल चल रहा है इसमें क्या और भी कुछ बढ़ने की उम्मीद है ?

रेलवे तथा परिवहन मंत्री (श्री एल० बी० शास्त्री) : जी हाँ, इस साल बहुत ज्यादा बढ़ने की उम्मीद है और हम यह उम्मीद करते हैं कि सन् ५५, ५६ के शायद पहले जितने जहाज इस वक्त हैं, उससे काफ़ी ज्यादा हो जायेंगे

श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : इसमें कोई तेलवाहक जहाज भी है ?

श्री एल० बी० शास्त्री : इसमें कोई टैंकर नहीं है ।

Shri N. B. Chowdhury: What is the proportion of the Indian shipping to the total coastal shipping?

Shri Shah Nawaz Khan: We have almost a monopoly of coastal shipping.

Shri V. P. Nayar: May I know whether Government have done anything to acquire additional tonnage for Indian shipping by using their good offices for the purchase from other countries, and if so, the additional tonnage so acquired since 1947.

Shri L. B. Shastri: As I said just now, the private companies have been given loans, and we have provided about Rs. 19.45 crores for this purpose. We expect that they will be able to produce about ten more ships.

Shri V. P. Nayar: That was not my question.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: What the hon. Member wanted to know was the additional tonnage that has been acquired by Government since 1947.

Shri V. P. Nayar: Not even that. I wanted to know whether Government have taken any steps to negotiate with other countries and with other shipping manufacturers, to acquire additional tonnage for Indian shipping. It is not a question of giving money alone.

Shri L. B. Shastri: Shifting lies in the private sector. The hon. Member, I hope, is aware of that. The Government of India at present do not propose to purchase ships directly.

श्री एम० एल० द्विवेदी : क्या यह सब है कि कोस्टल ट्रेड में कुछ विदेशी जहाजों से काम लिया जा रहा है, खास तौर से तेल बौरह लाने के लिये ? अगर यह सही है तो क्या जहाजों की कमी है या प्राइवेट