

**Shri Kidwai:** As I have said, in some States co-operative farming is being tried. Government of India itself have started two mechanised farms: one of 12,000 acres in Jammu and another of 10,000 acres in Bhopal. Although in the first instance people who are being settled there are being employed as wage-earners, but it is proposed that in two or three years' time, when it is found as to who is successful and who is not, it will be transformed into co-operative or collective farming, the management will be entrusted to the persons who are working there and the Government will retire.

**Shri Thimmaiah:** May I know whether it is the intention of the Government to bring all the land available now with the Government under the scheme of this co-operative farming?

**Shri Kidwai:** As I have said, some States have started the experiment on co-operative farming; it will take time to train them.

**Shri Shivananjappa:** May I know whether Government have any statistics as regards the number of co-operative farming units that are working in this country?

**Shri Kidwai:** I have just stated that three or four States have been given some grants and loans for trying it out.

#### RESEARCH ON SUGAR-CANE AND FODDER

\*741. **Shri Bishwa Nath Roy:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether any research has been undertaken by Government to find out varieties of sugarcane and of fodder which can survive the floods in Eastern Uttar Pradesh and North Bihar?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai):** Researches are being carried on by the Central Sugarcane Breeding Institute to find out varieties of sugarcane which can survive floods and certain flood resisting varieties have been evolved which are widely sown in Eastern Uttar

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Pradesh and North Bihar. Similar research work has so far not been undertaken in respect of fodder.

**Shri Bishwa Nath Roy:** May I know whether Government propose to popularise and develop this research during this year in those areas?

**Shri Kidwai:** It has been stated that it has already been tried widely in Eastern U.P. from which the hon. Member comes and in Bihar.

**Mr. Speaker:** Shri Gidwani.

**Shri Gidwani:** Question No. 744.

**Shri A. M. Thomas:** My question No. 762 may also be taken up along with this.

**The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur):** Question No. 762 is identical with Question No. 744.

**Mr. Speaker:** Yes, both these questions may be taken up together.

#### CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON NURSING

\*744. **Shri Gidwani:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) the decisions arrived at in the meeting of the Central Committee on Nursing set up by the Central Health Council which was held in New Delhi on the 19th May, 1954 regarding provision of nurses; and

(b) what other decisions were taken by the Committee?

**The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur):** (a) and (b). No meeting of the Committee on Nursing was held on the 19th May, 1954. A meeting was held on the 20th August, 1954. The Committee will meet again shortly and submit its recommendations to the Government of India.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON NURSING

\*762. **Shri A. M. Thomas:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) the recommendations of the Committee on Nursing set up by the Central Health Council; and

(b) the steps that Government propose to take to implement these recommendations?

**The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur):** (a) The Committee has not yet submitted its recommendations.

(b) Does not arise.

**Shri Gidwani:** Can the hon. Minister give us any idea as to the matters that were discussed and as to the recommendations that were made?

**Rajkumari Amrit Kaur:** The terms of reference were fairly wide. They had to survey the existing facilities for teaching in nursing, conditions of working, emoluments of the nursing staff, to assess the minimum requirements of the country in regard to nurses, to examine the existing conditions of the service and the emoluments available to nurses in the various States, and to see whether tuition to these nurses could be imparted on a larger scale in the regional languages in order to admit more girls into the service.

**Shrimati Renu Chakravartty:** May I know if any survey has been made of the condition of the nurses throughout the country?

**Rajkumari Amrit Kaur:** Yes. We have a fair amount of information in regard to the conditions of service for nurses existing in the various States of India.

**Shrimati Renu Chakravartty:** Does the hon. Minister propose to call for the opinions in regard to improvements both in teaching as well as in the conditions of service from the various nursing associations existing in the country?

**Rajkumari Amrit Kaur:** We have called for all that information, and it is in view of this information that this Committee has been formed and asked to make recommendations as to how to improve these conditions.

**Shrimati Ila Palchoudhury:** May I know the minimum and maximum ages for being taken into the scheme and

also the minimum education required for girls to enter into the nursing scheme?

**Rajkumari Amrit Kaur:** There is no age limit, so far as I know, fixed for nurses. The matriculation is the minimum educational standard for staff nurses and, of course, for the college degree, the standard is higher. Then, there are lower standards for lower qualifications.

#### RAILWAYS AMENITIES COMMITTEE

\*745. **Shri Gohain:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recommendations of the Railways Amenities Committee appointed for Pandu zone of the North Eastern Railway have been under consideration of Government;

(b) whether Government are aware that the condition of the passengers' amenities have not improved even after the appointment of the Committee; and

(c) if so, the measures adopted in this regard?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** (a) Yes; and Government have already communicated their decisions to the Railway Administration concerned on the various recommendations made by the Committee.

(b) Orders having been issued after detailed examination of the Committee's report, improvements are now expected to take place in the course of the current and the following years.

(c) A tentative plan of improvements at stations in the Pandu region involving an expenditure of approximately Rs. 88 lakhs during the four years "1955-56 to 1958-59" has been drawn up and will be implemented in consultation with the Passengers' Amenities Committee. In the current year also, a special additional allotment of Rs. 5 lakhs has been made for the purpose.

**Shri Gohain:** Are Government aware that drinking water is not available