

progress reports on the work done at the institute are scrutinised by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, and guidance given.

Shri Sanganna: May I know whether any officer of the Government of India has ever inspected this institute and if so, what is his impression about the working of this institute?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I must ask for notice of this question, Sir.

Shri Sanganna: May I know what benefits have been reaped from this Turmeric Research Institute and what arrangements have been for extension of services from this institute?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: It is always our aim to translate the results of scientific investigation for better plantation and better looking after of agricultural processes; but I cannot say what exactly has been done.

Shri Sanganna: May I know whether any progress reports have been received by Government, and if so, what are the reactions of Government in respect of these?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: As has been stated in my reply, we have got progress reports from time to time and we have no reason to believe that they are unsatisfactory.

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*१२३०. श्री पी० एल० बाबूपाल :
क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या कुछ ऐसे मामले पकड़े गये हैं, जिनमें टिकट चैकरों और अन्य रेलवे कर्मचारियों ने वैसे स्वयं हड़पने के प्रयोजन से यात्रियों को बिना टिकट बैठा लिया हो; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो ऐसे मामलों में कितने कर्मचारी पकड़े गये और उनको क्या सजा दी गयी ?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahawaz Khan): (a) Yes.

(b) During the year 1953, 21 such cases were detected on the Eastern, North-Eastern, Northern, Southern and Western Railways. Suitable disciplinary action has already been taken in twelve cases. The charges have not been proved in two cases and further investigation is progressing in regard to others. So far as the Central Railway is concerned, the information is under collection and will be placed on the Table of the House, on receipt.

श्री पी० एल० बाबूपाल : मैं जान सकता हूँ कि क्या यह सही नहीं है कि दिल्ली आदि प्रमुख स्थानों से जाने वाली गाड़ियों के डिब्बों पर रेलवे कर्मचारी खीड़िया से "सुरीक्षित स्थान" ऐसा लिख कर यात्रियों को धोखा दते हैं और गाड़ियों के चलने के कुछ दूर पहले ही यात्रियों से पैसा लेकर बैठे दते हैं ?

श्री शाहनवाज खां : यह बात अभी तक हमारा इल्म में नहीं है ।

Diwan Raghavendra Rao: May I know if Government are aware that the co-sharers of these Ticket Checkers are found in Station Masters, Guards and railway police, and how Government try to find out these people?

Shri Shahawaz Khan: As I have just stated, 21 cases have come to our notice and we are taking very severe disciplinary action against them.

Several Hon. Members rose—

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. I think we better go to the next question.

KOLAR GOLD FIELD WORKERS

*1232. **Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy:** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state:

(a) the pay scale of labourers working in Kolar Gold fields;

(b) whether Government have received any representation from the workers in regard to their pay scale; and

(c) if so, the action taken thereon?