

It is impossible to classify and separate all the milk we get.

Shri Dabhi rose—

Mr. Speaker: I am now going to the next business.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO
QUESTIONS

B.C.G. IN THE PUNJAB

*1205. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state the number of persons who were inoculated with B.C.G. in Punjab State during 1953?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): 2,94,351 persons.

POLISHING OF RICE

*1207. **Shri Dabhi:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that when rice is polished by milling it loses much of its nutritive value and by its use several serious diseases such as Beri-Beri are produced; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to prohibit rice-polishing by milling process?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) Yes, Sir, when rice is polished either through mechanical process or hand-pounding its nutritive value is adversely affected, the extent of the loss of nutritive value depending on the degree of polish. The continued use of highly polished rice in a diet which is also poor in B vitamins does result in vitamin deficiency diseases such as beri-beri.

(b) The Government of India are appointing a Committee who would examine the working of the different types of rice mills in the country from all aspects such as technical, nutritional consumer preference etc. and to make recommendations as to the future policy that should be adopted by Government. On receipt of the

report of the Committee, Government will decide what action should be taken in this connection.

RAILWAY EFFICIENCY BUREAU

*1208. { **Shri S. N. Das:**
Dr. Satyawadi:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state what important techniques have so far been evolved by the Railways Efficiency Bureau which have led to greater efficiency in various fields of railway operation?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): The Efficiency Bureau has developed techniques for efficiency measurement in the field of operation in respect of—

- (i) transit time of goods through break-of-gauge transhipment points;
- (ii) detention to wagons of each gauge at transhipment junction, and
- (iii) wagon utilisation.

The Bureau has also devised techniques for the measurement of—

- (iv) workload in respect of each of the major working departments on the railway.
- (v) workload on the administrative machinery of the railway.

W.H.O. SEMINAR FOR WATER WORKS
OPERATORS

*1211. **Sardar Hukam Singh:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether recently a World Health Organisation Seminar was held in New Delhi for water works operators; and

(b) what are the recommendations of this Seminar that require immediate attention and implementation?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): (a) Yes.

(b) No recommendations were made by the Seminar. It was arranged to serve as a "Refresher Course" for waterworks operators.

COCHIN PORT

*1212. **Shri A. M. Thomas:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount set apart for the development of the Cochin Port under the Five Year Plan;

(b) how much amount has been spent so far; and

(c) what works have actually been carried out and what remains to be done?

* The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) Rs. 201 lakhs.

(b) Rs. 18.45 lakhs upto end of July, 1954.

(c) A statement showing the progress of work is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VIII, annexure No. 7]

PHILATELIC SECTION OF THE PARIS FAIR

*1213. **Th. Lakshman Singh Charak:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the delegates from India who attended the Philatelic Section of the Paris Fair held in May, 1954; and

(b) how much expenditure did Government incur on these delegates?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) No separate delegation was sent to the International Philatelic Fair held at Paris in May, 1954. Shri H. L. Jerath, Director-General, Posts and Telegraphs and Shri T. N. Mehta, Stamp Officer, Posts and Telegraphs who were already on deputation to the continental countries were sent to Paris to attend the Fair.

(b) Rs. 2,450/, approximately.

'FUJI' TRACTORS

*1214. **Shri Bibhuti Mishra:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a demonstration of 'Fuji' tractors was given at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute;

(b) what is the opinion of Government experts regarding the workability of the tractor on Indian soils in different States;

(c) whether Government contemplate to start the manufacture of the said tractors in India in collaboration with the Japanese Firm; and

(d) if so, within what period?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) Yes.

(b) The demonstration was given for a very short period. It was, therefore, not possible for the Government experts to collect the data necessary for an opinion about the suitability of tractors.

(c) No.

(d) Does not arise.

MILK MARKETING BOARDS

*1216. **Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have advocated the setting up of Milk Marketing Boards throughout the country; and

(b) if so, what progress has been made in the various States in this direction?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) The Planning Commission suggested setting up of such Boards.

(b) State Governments are primarily concerned with this suggestion. A summary of their views received so far is placed on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix VIII, annexure No. 8.]