

generally accepted the recommendations. The progress of implementation is being ascertained from them and will be placed on the table of the House in due course. In so far as the recommendations concern the Indian Central Cotton Committee and the Central Government, their implementation will depend on the proposed all-India Cotton Marketing Survey, a scheme in regard to which has been prepared and is under the consideration of Government in consultation with the said Committee.

#### QUALITY OF D.D.T.

**\*215. Shri N. B. Chowdhury:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints have been received from various parts of the country about the inferior quality of D.D.T. sprayed by the Malaria Control Units this year; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to improve the quality of D.D.T.?

**The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur):** (a) Complaints from a few States were received regarding the poor susceptibility of D.D.T. supplied to the States in 1952. No complaints were received about the supplies made in 1953 and 1954.

(b) Sufficient quantities of a corrective mixture, Antarox A 201, have been imported and distributed to States concerned to improve the susceptibility of D.D.T.

**Shri N. B. Chowdhury:** May I know, Sir, whether West Bengal is the only State that made a complaint about the quality of DDT and whether the Government are aware of the fact that DDT spread this year has not prevented the growth of mosquitoes in other germs areas?

**Rajkumari Amrit Kaur:** West Bengal did have some quantity of the corrective mixture sent to them but I have not received any report from West Bengal to say that mosquitoes have not been brought under control.

#### CRIMES ON RAILWAYS

**\*216. Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases in which passengers were robbed or murdered or thrown out of the compartment from running trains during 1953 on the Indian Railways; and

(b) what was the number of such cases in 1952?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** (a) and (b)—

	1953	1952
Robberies	85	70
Murders	8	9
Thrown out of compartments	6	1

**Shri D. C. Sharma:** May I know, Sir, how many of these happened to ladies and how many to men?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** I do not have the break-up of the figures.

**Shri D. C. Sharma:** May I know which railway is the worst affected at present so far as these accidents go?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** Sir, in 1952 the largest number of robberies took place on the North-Eastern Railway; it was 22, and in 1953 the largest number of robberies took place on the Southern Railway it was 21.

**Mr. Speaker:** It will depend on the propensities of the population through which the railways are passing; not necessarily on the local Railway Administration. I think we will proceed to the next question.

#### FERTILISERS

**\*218. Shri S. N. Das:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the extent to which the model scheme on the subject of fundamental investigations regarding the properties

of manures and fertilizers, prepared by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research and recommended to the State Governments, has been given effect to by the various State Governments; and

(b) whether the results of such experiments have been published for general information?

**The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh):** (a) The Model agronomic (including manurial) experiments are to be undertaken from Rabi 1954 at 34 centres in the States of Andhra, Assam, Bihar, Bombay, Madhya Pradesh, Madhya Bharat, Madras, Orissa, Punjab, U.P., West Bengal, Hyderabad, Rajasthan, Saurashtra, Travancore-Cochin, Pepsu, Bhopal, Coorg, Mysore, Vindhya Pradesh and Kashmir. Preliminary arrangements for location of sites etc. are under way.

(b) Does not arise.

**Shri S. N. Das:** May I know, Sir, whether in carrying out the scheme the various States were given any Central grant, and if so, what was the amount?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** Sir, the scheme was sanctioned by the governing body of the ICAR at a cost of Rs. 5 lakhs to be incurred till 31st March, 1956. The entire expenditure will be met by them.

#### EXPORT OF RICE

\*219. **Shri Dabhi:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that rice is being exported to other countries; and

(b) if so, how much rice has been exported during the current year and to which countries?

**The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh):** (a) Government have allowed export of rice to foreign countries. Traders can now purchase rice from the free market and arrange its export after payment of export duty.

(b) No rice has been exported up to 31st July, as the new arrangement was notified only on 24th July.

**Shri Dabhi:** May I know whether the policy of the export of rice is due to the abundance of rice in the country?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** It is due to the abundance of rice as well as our desire for maintenance of our previous market.

#### WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

##### MEDICAL STUDENTS ABROAD

\*202. **Shri S. K. Razmi:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) the number of medical students sent abroad for higher studies at Government expense during the years 1951-52 and 1952-53 respectively;

(b) the number of medical students reading in London at present; and

(c) the number of post-graduate medical students in London and other countries?

**The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur):** (a) No medical student was sent abroad for higher studies at Government expense during these years.

(b) and (c). It is presumed that (b) and (c) relate to students mentioned in (a). If so in view of reply to (a), (b) and (c) do not arise.

##### LIVE-STOCK

\*204. **Ch. Raghubir Singh:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in order to improve the quality of live-stock, Government have supplied a number of bulls to the various States; and

(b) if so, the total number of bulls so far supplied; and

(c) how many of them have been supplied to U.P.?