

**Shri Alagesan:** It is mostly held by the Government.

**श्री रघुनाथ सिंह :** चीक जापानी व्यापार और हिन्दुस्तानी व्यापार में प्रतिस्पर्धी हैं और चीक जापानी रेट हिन्दुस्तानी रेट से सस्ता है, तो उसके कारण भारतीय व्यापार को कोई लॉस न हो, इसके वास्ते हमारी ओर से क्या प्रबन्ध हो रहा है ?

**Shri Alagesan:** The rates are regulated by the Conference concerned and all the members have to charge the same rates; they cannot undercut one another.

**श्री रघुनाथ सिंह :** जापानी जहाज कम्पनियों के लोहा, कोयला आदि वस्तुओं के फ्रेंट चार्जिंग क्या है और हिन्दुस्तानी जहाज कम्पनियों के उन्हीं चीजों के लिये क्या चार्जिंग है ?

**Shri Alagesan:** I think I have answered that.

**Mr. Speaker:** The rates are settled by the Conference and they are the same for all.

B. C. G. VACCINE LABORATORY, GUINDY

\*1533. **Mulla Abdullabhai:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity and value of B.C.G. vaccine exported to foreign countries in 1953-54;

(b) the installed capacity of the plant for manufacturing this vaccine at Guindy;

(c) whether tuberculine also is being prepared at Guindy; and

(d) if so, how much?

**The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur):** (a) 4,27,085 c.cs., costing Rs. 42,708/8/-.

(b) 50,000 c.cs. (5,00,000 doses), per week.

(c) No.

(d) Does not arise.

#### CONFERENCE OF STATION MASTERS

\*1535. **Shri Sanganna:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether copies of the resolutions passed by the Conference of Station Masters and Assistant Station Masters held at Delhi on the 16th May, 1954 in respect of service conditions and promotions have been received by Government;

(b) if so, whether any of these resolutions have been taken up for consideration; and

(c) the decision, if any, taken on them?

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

(b) and (c). The resolutions have been considered but it was decided that no action was called for on them.

**Shri Sanganna:** May I know whether one of the resolutions is for the implementation of the Central Pay Commission's recommendations, and, if so why they were not implemented so far?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** The C.P.C. recommendations have all been implemented. In addition, whatever the Joint Advisory Committee had to say on those recommendations have also been given effect to.

**Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** May I know whether in view of the representations from the station masters for the revision of their scales of pay, Government propose to increase the number in the higher grade with a view to providing higher salaries to the senior station masters?

**Shri Alagesan:** The grades have been fixed already, and a percentage of the total is in the higher grade, which has been fixed already. There is no proposal to increase this percentage.

**Shri Sanganna:** May I know whether the Government are aware that there is difference of pay and also in the matter of other facilities among the station masters and the assistant station masters working in the stations on the Raipur-Waltair line?

**Shri Alagesan:** If it relates to station masters and assistant station masters, certainly there will be differences of pay scales.

#### COMMODITY COMMITTEES

\*1537. **Shri T. Subrahmanyam:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to start commodity committees for *jowar*, *bajra* and pulses; and

(b) the steps that have been taken to give technical assistance to the growers of these foodgrains?

**The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh):** (a) No.

(b) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research has been promoting and co-ordinating agricultural research, among other things, on these commodities. It sponsors research schemes in conjunction with the State Governments which are responsible for conveying the results of research to the farmers, through demonstration and by disseminating such results through agricultural information literature.

**Shri T. Subrahmanyam:** What States have agricultural research stations carrying on research to improve the seed both for resisting disease and producing better type of grain?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** These experiments in these directions are made in almost every State; they also evolve better seeds so far as these commodities are concerned.

#### मिट्टी परीक्षण केन्द्र

\*१५३८. श्री बी० पी० सिंह : क्या सच तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारत में

१६ मिट्टी परीक्षण केन्द्र स्थापित किये जा रहे हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो ये कहां कहां होंगे और इन में से प्रत्येक का क्षेत्राधिकार क्या होगा ;

(ग) किसान इन केन्द्रों से कैसे लाभ उठा सकेंगे ; और

(घ) क्या किसानों को अपनी मिट्टी का परीक्षण कराने के लिये कोई फीस देनी पड़ेगी ?

**The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh):** (a) Yes.

(b) These are under consideration.

(c) By getting their soils tested and obtaining expert advice regarding the kind and dosages of fertilisers to be applied to crops to obtain best results.

(d) This has not been decided yet.

श्री बी० पी० सिंह : मैं जानना चाहता हूं कि यह जो केन्द्र स्थापित किये जा रहे हैं, इन की स्थापना पर जो व्यय होगा उसका सारा भार भारत सरकार उठायेगी या प्रान्तीय सरकारों से भी कोई कंट्रीब्यूशन लिया जायगा ?

श्री पी० एस्० वृंशमुख : यह जो ऑपरेशंस होंगे इसमें एग्रीमेंट के मुताबिक जो खर्चा आयेगा उसके लिये काफी इमदान बाहर से आयेगी और स्टेट गवर्नमेंट्स पर उसका ज्यादा भार नहीं पड़ेगा ।

#### WEST COAST ROAD

\*1539. **Shri Kottukappally:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) which portions of the National Highway between Cape Comorin and Bombay have yet to be completed;

(b) when the construction of this National Highway will be completed; and

(c) the names of the important places through which this Highway will pass?