

years, why has the Government not taken any notice of the losses which it has been incurring for several years?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** They have been attending to the losses and they have improved the position recently. In very many cases of research projects and schemes it is very difficult to expect a profit.

**Shri Sarangadhar Das rose—**

**Mr. Speaker:** We are going to the next question. It is only a waste of time to put any more questions on this.

**Shri Sarangadhar Das:** My question is not a waste and unless you hear it, how can it be called waste?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, order.

#### LEPROSY CENTRE IN RAJASTHAN

\*640. **Shri Karni Singhji:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to open a leprosy centre in Rajasthan in view of a large number of lepers reported there; and

(b) whether any effective remedy for leprosy has been discovered?

**The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur):** (a) A proposal to open a leprosy control centre in Rajasthan is understood to be under the consideration of the State Government.

(b) Recent researches and clinical trials indicate that the sulphone group of drugs are efficacious in the treatment of leprosy.

**Shri Karni Singhji:** May I know the approximate leper population of Rajasthan?

**Rajkumari Amrit Kaur:** I am afraid I cannot give that information.

#### INDIAN DAIRY RESEARCH INSTITUTE, BANGALORE

\*641. **Shri Thimmaiah:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bangalore Corporation has offered land to the Government of India on lease for use by the Indian Dairy Research Institute;

(b) if so, the acreage of the land so offered; and

(c) whether Government have accepted the offer?

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

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

**Shri Basappa:** May I know whether there is any scheme of expansion of this Institute and may I also know whether the Mysore Government has come forward procuring land for this Dairy Institute so that it may be retained and not transferred to any other place, causing inconvenience to so many?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** I am afraid it appears that all our efforts to retain the Dairy Research Institute at Bangalore are going to fail and we will be probably forced to shift it from there.

**Shri Thimmaiah:** May I know whether the Government is aware of the news in the papers that the Corporation of Bangalore has offered a land on lease to the Dairy Research Institute and the Government is not accepting it?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** They want us to pay them Rs. 25,000 per year by way of lease money annually. In addition, we want 1,000 acres more, which is not available and for which we are expected to pay very high prices.

**Shri Basappa:** May I know whether formerly there was a lot of land avail-