

application of fertilisers to the standing crop of sugarcane during the monsoon period.

(b) The basis for selection of fields for demonstration purposes is not known and the necessary information is being collected from the State Governments concerned.

**Shri G. L. Chaudhary:** May I know whether the Government intend to make this scheme permanent?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** No. These are experiments and they cannot be made permanent.

**Shri Shivnanjappa:** May I know whether similar facilities are afforded to the cane-growers in the South?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** We took up this campaign in the middle of the season. It may be possible to extend it a little later to the South of India also, but there may not be any need to do so, because their yields are very high, and yet they need considerable amounts of fertilisers also.

**Pandit Manishwar Datt Upadhyay:** May I know the number of years for which this proposal for distributing this manure for demonstration purposes is meant?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** So far, it is only for this particular year.

**Shri L. N. Mishra:** May I know whether it is a fact that in the area where the crops had been damaged by floods, it was demanded that fertilizers be distributed free or on credit but the Government did not do that?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** The Central Government gives very big loans for making fertilizers available to the cultivators on loan. It is for the State Government to take advantage of it.

### रसीवों का दिया जाना

\*८४० श्री एम० एन० सिंह : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि टिकट कलेक्टर, टी० टी० ई०, बकिंग क्लर्क, पार्सल क्लर्क

और गोदाम कीपर जनता को जो रसीवें देते ह, वे अंग्रेजी में होती हैं और उनके फार्म भी अंग्रेजी में ही छपे हुए हैं ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार रेलवे में काम आने वाले ऐसे सभी फार्मों को हिन्दी और प्रादेशिक भाषाओं में छपवान का विचार करती है ?

रेलवे तथा परिवहन मंत्री के सभा सचिव (श्री शाहनवाज खां) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) अभी इस तरह का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है ।

श्री भगवत झा आज़ाद : क्या मैं पूछ सकता हूँ कि ऐसा प्रस्ताव न होने के क्या कारण हैं जबकि हम जानते हैं कि अधिक लोगों की ज़बान हिन्दी है अंग्रेजी नहीं ?

श्री शाहनवाज खां : यही वजह है कि काफी हैं सारे के सारे नहीं हैं !

**Mr. Speaker:** Let there be no argument.

**Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:** I wanted to know the percentage of persons who do not know English and who understand only the Hindi language. He says, it is not so.

**Mr. Speaker:** We will go to the next question.

### CANCER

\*842. **Shri L. Jogeswar Singh:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have maintained statistics of deaths by cancer in India;

(b) if so, the number of persons who died of this disease during the years 1952, 1953 and 1954 (upto the 31st October); and

(c) the steps so far taken to eradicate this disease and the amount of

contribution made by Government to the States for this purpose?

**The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur):** (a) No statistics of deaths due to Cancer on an All-India basis have been maintained.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Government of India have, *inter alia* established the Indian Cancer Research Centre at Bombay which is financed wholly by the Centre. No contribution has been made to State Governments for this purpose, although grants-in-aid have been paid, from time to time, to certain hospitals and Institutions in various States for the treatment of Cancer.

**Shri L. Jageswar Singh:** May I know how many cancer clinics are there in India and the places where these clinics are established?

**Rajkumari Amrit Kaur:** There are no cancer clinics as such, but we have specialised treatment for cancer in Bombay, in Madras, in Patna, in West Bengal and of course cancer cases are treated in all hospitals.

**Shri L. Jageswar Singh:** May I know how many patients were admitted in these clinics in the current year and how many were cured successfully?

**Rajkumari Amrit Kaur:** Those figures are with the State Governments, and I cannot give them. I have figures for a certain number of cases which have been admitted into various hospitals, but I have not got more statistics to furnish to the hon. Member than that.

**Shri K. K. Basu:** May I know whether any special funds are set apart, for cancer patients for free treatment, by the Central Government?

**Rajkumari Amrit Kaur:** No special funds are set aside by the Centre because all hospitals are run by the States except the Cancer Research Centre in Bombay.

**Shri R. K. Chaudhuri:** May I know whether recently some experts came to Assam and whether they said that the largest incidence of this disease is found in Assam and, if so, whether any special step has been taken by the Government to check this?

**Rajkumari Amrit Kaur:** I am not aware of any experts coming and giving opinions, but I am here to say that cases of cancer in hospitals in other States in India are much more than those recorded in Assam.

#### BALWABAZAR AND NARPATGANJ TELEGRAPH OFFICES

\*844. **Shri L. N. Mishra:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state the probable date by which telegraph offices at Balwabazar and Narpatganj in Bihar are expected to start functioning?

**The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** A Telegraph Office is likely to be opened at Balwabazar by the end of this financial year. Narpatganj has got a Telegraph Office since 28th May, 1954.

#### SHEEP BREEDING CENTRES

\*846. **Dr. Satyawadi:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made by the Sheep Breeding Centres in the production of fine quality of wool; and

(b) the expenditure incurred so far by Government on these Centres since they were started?

**The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh):** (a) A statement is placed on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 5.]

(b) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research has so far paid grants-in-aid to the extent of Rs. 62,500 to these States where the schemes are already in progress.

डा० सत्यवादी : क्या अच्छी नस्ल की