

हम इन सूचों का कुछ ख्याल रखते हैं, लेकिन इतना ज्यादा ख्याल नहीं करते कि अच्छे लड़कों को पीछे रख कर कम काबिलियत का लड़का भेजा जाय।

श्री राम दास : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि इन लड़कों को जो ट्रेनिंग दी जाती है उस से फायदा उठाने का क्या तरीका अख्तियार किया गया है ?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: Some effort is made to utilise their honorary services.

Shri Veeraswamy: May I raise a point with your permission? May I request you to suggest to the hon. Minister to reply in English even to the supplementary questions that are put in Hindi, so that we also may understand? We Members coming from the South go without understanding what some hon. Members say in this House. So, I humbly submit to you, who are the custodian of this House, to see that we also understand what is said in the House.

Mr. Speaker: I think I am equally the custodian of the Constitution also. For Hindi being developed, whenever a question is tabled in Hindi, the answer should be in Hindi, and whenever a supplementary question is put in Hindi, the answer is to be in Hindi.

Shri V. P. Nayar: Provided the Minister knows.

Mr. Speaker: He will try to know. The option is given to the Minister to answer in English, but it is better that he answers in Hindi if he possibly can. That is how we are progressing. It may be that out of all the questions that are put and answered, some questions may not be quite intelligible to the Member, but he has to forego it in the interest of advancing the practice of speaking in Hindi. Now I am going to the next question.

Shri Sarangadhar Das: There are Members who do not understand English and it is to their advantage to make some questions put and answered in Hindi. It is to assist the.....

Shri K. K. Basu: They do not understand either English or Hindi.

Mr. Speaker: Whenever a request has been made to me by a non-English knowing Member to have the answer rendered to him in Hindi, I think I have complied with that request.

Now, I am going to the next question

IRRIGATION FACILITIES IN PUNJAB

*1034. **Sardar Hukam Singh:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Punjab Government have made a representation to the Centre for providing irrigation facilities to the scarcity districts in the State; and

(b) if so, what irrigation facilities are proposed to be provided for such areas?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) and (b). Yes Sir. The representation is for financial assistance towards certain contour surveys in the Gurgaon Distt. with a view to assess the possibilities of developing irrigation in that area. Under the financial rules governing grow more food schemes, such surveys are not normally assisted. The representation of the Punjab Government is, however, still under consideration. The Government of India have, however, sanctioned financial assistance for schemes in scarcity areas of the Punjab as part of the grow more food programme, such as, a loan of Rs. 3 lakhs for repairing 8 bunds in Gurgaon district and a loan of Rs. 6 lakhs for the repair and construction of kuhls in the Kanara and Kulu valley.

Sardar Hukam Singh: May I know whether any plan has been submitted as to how irrigation facilities for these scarcity areas are to be developed or it is left to be decided afterwards whether they want to sink tube-wells or have irrigation by canals?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: In every one of these proposals, we expect the State Government to give us more or less

detailed plans, but not very detailed ones, giving us the indication of the expenditure as well as the utility.

Pandit Thakur Das Bhargava: Is it a fact that the hon. Minister of Agriculture, the late Shri Rafi Ahmad Kidwai, was pleased to assure the Punjab Government and some deputationists that Rs. 2 crores will be available for irrigation for Gurgaon District for all areas except Rewari, for which Rs. 50 lakhs were promised, and at the same time the promise was given that in the near future the construction of experimental tube-wells in the Gurgaon District will also be begun in 1954, instead of in 1956?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: We will certainly do everything to respect the wishes of or whatever was promised by the late Shri Rafi Ahmed Kidwai, but sometimes there are exaggerated claims on this account.

Shri D. C. Sharma: Is it not a fact that between the sanctioning of the amount for these irrigation facilities in the districts to which the hon. Minister has referred and the time of putting them into effect, there is a very big gap, and that the progress of the works is very very slow? If I may be permitted to say so, nothing has happened so far.

Mr. Speaker: There is no question to be answered.

CASHEWNUIT INDUSTRY

*1036. **Shri V. P. Nayar:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set apart any specific amount in 1954 for undertaking developmental measures in the Cashewnut Industry; and

(b) if so, how much?

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

(b) Rs. 2.5 lakhs

Shri V. P. Nayar: May I know whether out of this amount, any amount has been utilised for the development

of raw cashewnuts in the country the production of which, according to the report of the Spices Enquiry Committee, is so low as 25 pounds per tree now?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I am afraid I cannot give the details of these sums.

Shri V. P. Nayar: May I know whether the Government are aware that the industry—the cashew-processing industry—which depends upon raw nut availability has so developed that now it is not possible to meet the requirements by indigenous production and that we have to import about 50 to 60 per cent. of our requirements chiefly because the local production is very, very low? May I know whether Government have taken this fact into account and done anything to increase the production of raw cashewnuts in this country in order that the industry may stand on its own footing?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: Yes; this is one of the objectives of the policy that the Government is pursuing, and that is the reason why Rs. 2.5 lakhs are provided for this industry.

Shri Velayudhan: Out of this amount that is spent for the development of the cashewnut industry, how much is spent in the Travancore-Cochin State which is one of the premier cashewnut producing States in India?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I am sure an adequate amount would be spent.

Shri B. K. Das: What areas are being considered in respect of this industry?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: We have suggested to the Governments of Travancore-Cochin, Madras, Bombay and Madhya Bharat to submit concrete schemes for the development of cashewnut.

FAMILY PLANNING

*1037. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the voluntary institutions to which Government aid based on the recommendations of the