

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

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE IN MADHYA
PRADISH

*1051. **Mulla Abdullahai:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a). whether the Madhya Pradesh Government have approached the Central Government for any financial assistance for the setting up of an Agricultural College in the State; and

(b) if so, the decision taken in the matter?

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

(b) Does not arise.

RAILWAY INSPECTORATE

*1052. **Sardar Hukam Singh:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of accidents which were investigated by the Railway Inspectorate during 1954 so far; and

(b) what other functions were discharged by the Railway Inspectorate during the period besides investigating these accidents?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) 18.

(b) During the period in question, the Railway Inspectorate also discharged all the other functions which devolve on it under Section 4 of the Indian Railways Act, 1890. These functions consist in the main of the periodical inspection of open lines, the inspection of new railway lines prior to their opening to passenger traffic, and the examination of applications for the running of new types of locomotives and rolling stock, the movement of over-dimensional consignments and works involving infringements of the standard dimensions.

CASHEW APPLES

*1053. **Shri V. P. Nayar:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that over 2 lakh tons of Cashew apples are wasted every year in India; and

(b) whether Government have formulated any schemes to utilise this material for human consumption and if so, what the schemes are?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa):

(a) Yes.

(b) No. The Madras Government carried out some work at the Fruit Product Laboratory at Kodur on cashew apples and the methods of preparation of some products were standardised by them. The industry does not appear to have taken up the preparation of the products presumably because there is no demand from the public for the products.

OCCUPATIONAL DISEASES

*1054. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether any pilot survey regarding occupational diseases is being carried out among the coffee plantation labourers;

(b) if so, under whose auspices;

(c) whether the survey has been completed; and

(d) if so, what are the conclusions arrived at?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): (a) The Government of India have no information.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

CENTRAL COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

*1055. **Shri Dabhi:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether Government have accepted or propose to accept the recommendation of the Estimates Committee contained in para. 54 of their Seventh Report regarding the