

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: They will be throughout the country. Wherever the applications come from, they will be considered, and generally it is felt, as the late Shri Kidwai used to say, that South India is preferred for sugar factories now.

Shri Ramachandra Reddi: How many applications have been received from South India, and how many have been favourably disposed of, state-wise?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: We have disposed of about 25 applications, and most of them are from Bombay. We have issued 11 licences for Bombay out of which 10 are for co-operative sugar factories, and one is a private limited concern. We have given two licences for Hyderabad, one at Mysore, two in Andhra, one in Madras, one in PEPSU, two in Punjab, Saurashtra 1. and Bombay 2 refineries.

Shri Kelappan: May I know how many mills are idle at present for want of work?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: Out of 159 or so, about 25 are idle in North India.

WILD LIFE PARK

*1230. **Shri Radha Raman:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether any progress has been made in the proposals for establishing a 'Zoo' and a lake near Lodi Gardens in Delhi;

(b) if so, what is the progress; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(a) to (c). It was originally proposed to set up a Zoological Park near Purana Qilla through the agency of the Delhi State Government. It has now been decided that the Central Government should assume responsibility for the execution of the Scheme. Steps are being taken to obtain the services of a foreign expert for the purpose.

Shri Radha Raman: May I know if there is also a scheme of botanical gardens, if so, where is it going to be situated?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: The site that is in question now was meant for starting a botanical garden. A Committee was constituted and they are of opinion that the present garden which we are going to start should have both the characteristics—it should be both a zoological and botanical garden.

Shri Radha Raman: When does the Government think that the work will start on these two projects?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: Very soon. We have asked the Inspector-General of Forests to consult some experts who have come for the World Forestry Congress at Dehra Dun. He will have some consultations with the foreign experts who have got such parks in their countries and immediately after that we are likely to take a decision.

Shri Radha Raman: May I know if the Central Government have set aside any definite sum for this purpose?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: Yes. We have given Rs. 4.3 lakhs to the Delhi Government to start that park, and perhaps that is meant for this.

LATE RUNNING OF TRAINS

*1231. **Pandit D. N. Tiwary:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that punctuality and regularity of train services in all the Zones and specially on North Eastern Railway has deteriorated since January, 1954;

(b) if so, the special reasons for the irregular and late running of trains; and

(c) whether it has also affected the earnings of the railways?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) to (c). A statement giving the information re-

quired is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 35.]

Pandit D. N. Tiwary: In the statement it is given that due to excessive heat and monsoon weather, the punctuality of the railways is affected. May I know whether in the winter season also the punctuality of the railways is affected or not?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: Generally, there is an improvement in the winter months, but sometimes certain conditions are created which do affect the punctuality of trains during winter even,—things like big fares, *kumbh* and other *melas*.

Pandit D. N. Tiwary: May I know whether one of the reasons for the unpunctuality of the trains is given as excessive heat? I wanted to know whether there is any scientific basis for knowing whether heat or rain or cold affects the punctuality of the railways?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: Excessive heat and excessive rains do affect the punctuality of trains in a very potent manner. Due to excessive heat, a large number of our guards, drivers, firemen etc., fall ill and there is also sometimes scarcity of water at many stations. Due to monsoons there are breaches.

Pandit D. N. Tiwary rose —

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGES

*1232. **Shri Morarka:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have in conformity with the recommendation of the Estimates Committee contained in para 53 of the Seventh Report made any arrangements for the admission of students from States having no Agricultural Colleges of their own in the Agricultural Colleges of adjoining States;

(b) whether Government have consulted the State Agricultural Colleges

on the desirability of providing more seats for students from the adjoining States; and

(c) if so, the result thereof?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa): (a) to (c). State Governments have not been addressed in the matter. This was because the recommendations of the Estimates Committee are engaging attention of Government and it is proposed to maintain the Central College of Agriculture as an institution separate from the Indian Agriculture Research Institute. The proposals to reorganise the college are presently under consideration. Pending final reorganisation the Central College of Agriculture is being continued as at present and will admit students from States which possess no Agricultural College of their own.

Shri Morarka: May I know the names of the States which do not have agricultural colleges?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: In all C States and some of the B States they do not have. The States are: Delhi, Ajmer, Coorg, Tripura Travancore-Cochin, PEPSU, Himachal Pradesh, Manipur, Bilaspur and Kashmir. These are the States which have not got their own colleges.

Shri Morarka: May I know whether Government propose to give any special grants for starting such colleges to those States which do not have a college of this type?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: That is the recommendation of the Estimates Committee. We will consider it. It is still under the consideration of the Government.

Shri S. N. Das: May I know whether any estimate has been made of the personnel required by the Government within this Five Year Plan and what is the present capacity for training these personnel for these colleges?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: An estimate has been made, but I want notice to give the details.