

been taken in hand during the current year?

Dr. Katju: I do not find that under any particular head, but that is a matter which is under consideration.

Shri B. R. Bhagat: May I know whether any scheme of priority has been determined, and, if so, what it is?

Dr. Katju: There is no question of priority. There are different heads, and I suppose it will be a march all along the front.

Shri Natawadkar: May I know whether these schemes are worked out in co-operation with the tribes of Assam?

Dr. Katju: Yes, Sir; we want co-operation from the tribes in the first instance.

POST-CARD VENDING MACHINE

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

(a) whether any new model of Automatic Post-card vending machine has been received in India for experimental purposes; and

(b) if so, whether it is being tried anywhere?

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

(b) It has only just arrived.

Sardar Hukam Singh: May I know whether there is a condition imposed that if the machine is found to be defective, the country of its origin will take it back?

Shri Raj Bahadur: It is still on trial. It was on trial before also. If it is found to be unworkable, of course, it will be returned.

Sardar Hukam Singh: It was on trial before also—that was a Swiss machine; do I understand that this is the same machine, after the removal of defects?

Shri Raj Bahadur: It is from the same company.

Shri A. M. Thomas: May I know how many machines were ordered from the Swiss firm?

Shri Raj Bahadur: It is a prototype of the machine, and it has just come. It is being tried. If it is found to be satisfactory, we will order new ones.

Shri A. M. Thomas: Am I to understand that only one machine was ordered?

Shri Raj Bahadur: One machine has come.

Shri Damodara Menon: Is the machine likely to effect any saving to Government?

Shri Raj Bahadur: Keeping in view the amount of labour involved in refilling the machine, collecting coins, etc., I think we cannot predict that there will be at all any saving.

TUBE-WELLS

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

(a) the number of tube-wells drilled during the year 1951-52 under 'G.M.F.' Campaign; and

(b) the additional area brought under cultivation and the additional quantity of food grains produced by these wells?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar): (a) Complete information for the G.M.F. year ending June, 1952 is not yet available. However from July, 1951 to March, 1952, 449 tube-wells were constructed.

(b) The additional area benefited by these tube-wells is estimated to be 67,000 acres. Information regarding additional food grains produced by these wells is not yet available.

Sardar Hukam Singh: Was the target of grow-more-food in 1950-51 achieved?

Shri Karmarkar: So far as these tube-wells are concerned, Sir, which this question refers to, we have no definite information yet.

Sardar Hukam Singh: I wanted to know about the year 1950-51. Figures for that year must be available with the Government by now. I want to know whether the target was achieved in that year or it fell short very substantially.

Shri Karmarkar: On account of tube-wells?

Mr. Speaker: Yes.

Shri Karmarkar: The tube-wells that were sunk in 1950-51 in various parts of India were 770 and the acreage benefited by these 770 tube-wells sunk in 1950-51 is 215,153 acres. The additional production achieved from these wells is 31,362 tons. So, they resulted in substantial addition.

Sardar Lal Singh: May I know how many of these were sunk by foreign firms and how many by Indian firms?

Shri Karmarkar: I would like to have notice.

Shri Damodara Menon: May I know whether in accordance with the recommendation of the Public Accounts Committee Government have set up a central machinery to see whether the grants made to States for the purpose of grow-more-food campaign are properly spent?

Shri Karmarkar: I should like to have notice.

Shri Ramachandra Reddi: May I know the state-wise distribution of these tube-wells?

Shri Karmarkar: For 1950-51? For 1951-52 I have no information.

Shri Ramachandra Reddi: Whatever figures are available.

Shri Karmarkar: The figures state-wise are as follows:—

Bihar	...	38
Madras	...	60
Orissa	...	3
Punjab	...	343
Uttar Pradesh	...	313
Out of the Part B States—P.E.P.S.U.	...	13

The total is 770. That is for 1950-51.

Shri N. B. Chowdhury: May I know how many of these tube-wells have been rendered useless by this time?

Mr. Speaker: Order, order.

Shri Pocker Saheb: May I know whether Government has got any arrangements for finding out the availability of underground water before actually digging the wells?

Shri Karmarkar: I should like to have notice.

INDIAN MEDICAL INSTITUTE

*656. **Shri Velayudhan:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) when the All-India Medical Institute will begin functioning; and

(b) what are the scopes of this Institute with regard to Medical Science?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): (a) It is not possible to give any exact date as a good deal of planning has to be done. An endeavour will be made to start the medical college, which will form part of the All India Medical Institute, from August, 1953, if possible.

(b) The Institute will provide facilities of the highest order for medical education and research in all branches of Medicine. It will be a centre for post-graduate study and research and will include also a Medical College for undergraduates and a Dental College.

Shri Velayudhan: How many students will be able to be coached up in this institute when it is completed? Have Government formulated any plans about it?

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur: I do not know if the hon. Member is referring to the under-graduate college or to post-graduate studies.

Shri Velayudhan: Both.

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur: In regard to the under-graduate college it will be a small entity. I do not know how many students the planning committee will recommend but probably not more than a hundred drawn from all over India. As regards post-graduate studies, of course, as necessity arises.

Shri Velayudhan: May I know whether the hon. Minister will be able to give the total expenditure that will be incurred for this Institute?

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur: The present proposals involve an expenditure of Rs. 1,66,33,000 non-recurring and Rs. 29,50,000 recurring.

Shri Meghnad Saha: Will the hon. Minister kindly state whether the professors of this Institute will be whole-time officers or they will be allowed private practice?

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur: As I said a high-powered committee has been appointed for the purpose of planning and making recommendations. I believe they certainly will be whole-