

## T.B. IN MANIPUR AND TRIPURA

\*834. **Shri L. J. Singh:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is considerable increase in the incidence of T.B. infections among the school and college students of Manipur and Tripura; and

(b) what are the percentages of T.B. suspects from school and college students in Manipur and Tripura according to the latest report of the B.C.G. Vaccination?

**The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur):** (a) and (b). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as it becomes available.

**Shri L. J. Singh:** May I know, whether there are any T.B. hospitals in these two States.....?

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. the Minister has just stated that the information is being collected, and the hon. Member may put his supplementaries after the same is laid on the Table of the House.

## CATTLE EXPORT

\*835. **Shri L. J. Singh:** Will the Minister of States be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of cattle exported from Manipur since the lifting up of ban on cattle export; and

(b) whether it is a fact that since removal of ban on cattle export there has been considerable drought of cattle adversely affecting agriculture and that cow lifting is on the increase?

**The Minister of Home Affairs and States (Dr. Katju):** (a) 21,638 heads of cattle were exported from Manipur to Assam during the period 1st June 1951 to 31st May 1952.

(b) It is not correct to say that since the ban on export was lifted, there has been a dearth of cattle affecting agriculture adversely. There has been slight increase in the number of reported cases of cattle lifting but this is not due to the lifting of the ban; it is more likely to be due to the stabilisation of the administration and the setting up of more police outposts, resulting in more cases being reported to the Police.

**Shri L. J. Singh:** May I know whether Government have made any provision to stop the increase in prices of bullocks and cattle, which are abnormally soaring high due to the shortage of cattle?

**Dr. Katju:** If the hon. Member had raised that point in the question itself, I would have got the information, but as it is, I have no knowledge as to whether the prices are soaring or otherwise.

**सेठ गोविन्द दास :** मनीपुर से यह जो जानवरों का निर्यात होता है वह किस स्थान के लिये होता है और जहां यह जाते हैं वहां उन का क्या किया जाता है ?

**डा० काटजू :** आसाम में जाते हैं और वहां गायों का दूध निकाला जाता है और बैलों को चलाया जाता है ।

**सेठ गोविन्द दास :** मैं यह जानना चाहता था कि यह बच के निमित्त तो नहीं जाते हैं ।

**डा० काटजू :** आशा तो नहीं है ।

**Shri L. J. Singh:** In view of the shortage of cattle, do the Government contemplate stoppage of exporting cattle for the present?

**Dr. Katju:** There is no question of stoppage, because our information is that there is really no disturbance in the agricultural economy at all, and I may add here that while the cases of cattle-lifting in the previous year, namely 1950-51 was only 10, it has increased, so far as reports go to 35 in the year 1951-52.

## BOMBAY—CAPE COMORIN NATIONAL HIGHWAY

\*836. **Shri N. P. Damodaran:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether a National Highway from Bombay to Cape Comorin is under construction;

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, what the present stage of the work is;

(c) when the road is expected to be completed;

(d) the cost of construction of the road;

(e) whether all the rivers in the path of this National Highway will be bridged;

(f) how long it will take to bridge all the rivers; and