

(b) The 92 centres mentioned in my reply to part (a) include 22 private institutions.

(c) For private institutions, the Central Government will provide the entire non-recurring expenditure and 75 per cent. of the recurring expenditure.

(d) Does not arise, as no receipts are anticipated under this scheme.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know, Sir, whether these key farm centres were opened according to the recommendations of the Gosamvardhan Committee?

Shri Karmarkar: I think, Sir, they were opened according to the recommendations of the State Governments, but I should like to have notice.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether further applications were received by the Government for giving aid to those private key farm centres?

Shri Karmarkar: Further applications beyond the 22 now mentioned?

Shri S. C. Samanta: Yes.

Shri Karmarkar: I should like to have notice.

Shri Dabhi: Which are the places in Bombay State where these centres have been started?

Shri Karmarkar: In Bombay State, the Centres started under Government institutions are seven, and under private one, but I should like to find out which are the particular places where these are started.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know if the function of the Central Council of the Gosamvardhan Committee comes within the jurisdiction of the development of these key farms?

Shri Karmarkar: I could not follow the question.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether the Central Gosamvardhan Committee deals with this matter?

Shri Karmarkar: No, Sir, the Government deals with this matter. I should like to find out if we have consulted the Gosamvardhan Committee in this matter. Very possibly we have.

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: Are there any centres in Madras State? If so how many and where?

Shri Karmarkar: Private institutions—six centres; Government insti-

tutions—seven centres, but regarding the places I should like to have notice.

Shri Velayudhan: May I know, Sir, whether the scheme is entirely financed by the Centre or whether the States also bear part of the burden?

Shri Karmarkar: As I said earlier in my principal reply, Sir, the Centre subsidises to the extent of providing the entire non-recurring expenditure, and 75 per cent. of the recurring expenditure so far as private institutions are concerned. So far as Government institutions are concerned, so far as I see, the States do share the expenses.

Shri Sarangadhar Das: May I know, Sir, the number of institutions in the State of Orissa?

Shri Karmarkar: So far as Government institutions are concerned, two.

Shri N. Somana: May I know how many centres are there in Coorg?

Shri Karmarkar: I shall lay the statement on the Table of the House regarding the States.

LOCUST INVASION

***1713. Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether India was invaded by swarms of foreign locusts this summer;

(b) if so, how many times locusts incursions were made; and

(c) whether any damage has been done to crops and plants by these locusts incursions?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar): (a) Yes.

(b) Six.

(c) No, Sir.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: May I know whether Government have taken effective measures to fight this locust menace, and how far they have succeeded in stopping these incursions?

Shri Karmarkar: We have a definite machinery by which we receive warnings, and spread the warnings, and the States have also a definite machinery to keep a watch and take effective steps. As hon. Members are probably aware, the Government of India conducted some classes for training officials, and during 1950-51 and also in May, 1952, the State officials were trained in these anti-locust operations.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: May I know whether this year the locust incursions were effectively fought out?

Shri Karmarkar: This year, firstly, they were only incipient, i.e., some of them spread themselves diffused. Secondly, there were no crops in the fields to be affected.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: May I know whether, with a view to stopping these locust incursions, the Government of India took any action for fighting this locust menace in foreign countries?

Shri Karmarkar: This is outside my present note, but I remember we sent a mission to Iran.

Mr. Speaker: Questions in this respect. I think, were put several times during the last two or three months. They have got a machinery, and they work in co-operation.

Shri Sarangadhar Das: Are Government aware that swarms of locusts have appeared during the last few days in Manipur State, and what steps are Government taking?

Shri Karmarkar: So far as we are aware, they came in Rajasthan in May. Regarding Manipur, I shall find out.

Shri L. J. Singh: May I know the extent of damage done by the invasion of locusts very recently in the northern and north-eastern areas of Manipur?

Shri Karmarkar: I should like to have notice.

REFRIGERATED STORES

*1715. **Shri B. K. Das:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the number of refrigerated stores in India and their locations;

(b) the capacity of the stores; and

(c) the articles that are preserved in them?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar): (a) A statement is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VIII, annexure No. 21.]

(b) Average capacity of a cold storage is 13,500 mds.

(c) Seed and Table potatoes, fruits and vegetables, butter, eggs, fish and meat and other perishable articles.

Shri B. K. Das: May I know whether these stores belong to Government or are lent to Government by private agencies?

Shri Karmarkar: I do not think that there are Government stores, but I shall find out.

Shri B. K. Das: May I know, Sir, whether any estimate has been made regarding the extent of perishable articles and the damage done to them for want of proper storage?

Shri Karmarkar: I have no information at the moment.

Shri B. K. Das: May I know whether there is any development programme before the Government for increasing the capacity of these stores?

Shri Karmarkar: I should like to have notice.

Shri Pateria: Is Government keeping supervision over these refrigerator stores?

Shri Karmarkar: I think so, but I should like to find out.

MATERNITY NURSES

*1716. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** (a) Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state whether it is a fact that some private organizations of New Zealand have asked for sending 60 to 100 Indian girls for being trained in that country as maternity nurses every year for a period of three years at the expense of those organizations?

(b) If so, have Government taken any decision in regard to accepting that offer?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): (a) No such request has been received by Government. It is, however, understood that a scheme is under consideration of the All-India Women's Conference for sending 60 to 100 Indian girls to New Zealand every year for a period of 2 or 3 years for training as maternity nurses, the cost being met from private donations.

(b) Does not arise.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: May I know whether that scheme is entirely the concern of the All India Women's Conference, or have the Government also got anything to do with that?

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur: No, Sir, Government have nothing whatever to do with the offer. It is purely a