

श्री सतीश चन्द्र : जी हां। विन्ध्य प्रदेश को चार हजार टन गेहूं दिया जाने वाला था। उस में से दो हजार टन पहुंच भी चुका है।

श्री आर० एस० तिवारी : उस ने इस साल गेहूं मांगा है या नहीं ?

श्री सतीश चन्द्र : मुझे इस के बारे में कुछ पता नहीं है। अगर फसल ठीक हो तो विन्ध्य प्रदेश एक सैल्फ सफिशियेंट प्राविन्स है, लेकिन अगर उस को बाकई जरूरत होगी तो जरूर दिया जायेगा।

Shri Namdhari: In view of the fact that rice is the food of rishis and mahatmas and it produces intellectual superbrains, will Government encourage rice production?

Mr. Speaker: I could not follow his question. Did the hon. Minister understand it?

श्री सतीश चन्द्र : मेरा तो ख्याल यह है कि पंजाब के लोगों को चावल में बहुत कम दिलचस्पी है।

Mr. Speaker: We will proceed to the next question.

NUTRITIONAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE, COONOR

*1131. **Shri C. R. Narasimhan:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to shift the Nutritional Research Institute from Coonoor to any other place; and

(b) the reasons for the same ?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): (a) Yes.

(b) The reasons are that:

- (1) the accommodation available in the present building is not adequate for the needs of the laboratories and facilities for further expansion do not exist;
- (2) the laboratories have to work more or less in isolation from any other scientific activity in allied sciences with the result that the workers in the Institution are greatly handicapped; and

- (3) the clinical facilities available in Coonoor are inadequate and do not provide sufficient material for investigation on nutritional disorders which are widely prevalent in India.

Shri C. R. Narasimhan: Has the State Government made any representation in the matter?

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur: Yes, Sir. The State Government was asked in the first instance whether it could give us any land where we could shift the Institute from Coonoor to Madras. Unfortunately, the land was not available except at a very high price. Since then, the governing body has met and it has taken a decision to shift the laboratories to Hyderabad. The Madras Government has again made a representation and are offering land and facilities and we are just now in consultation with the Chief Minister of Madras.

Shri Venkataraman: For how many years has this Nutritional Research Institute been in Coonoor?

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur: It has been there ever since its inception. I do not know exactly when it was started.

Shri Venkataraman: May I know how many reports of great importance have been issued by that Institute?

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur: I could not give the exact number of reports, but even last year a very good report was issued.

Shri Venkataraman: May I know then what is the necessity for transferring it?

Mr. Speaker: Order, order.

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: Is not the climate of Coonoor suitable for nutritional research?

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur: I do not think that nutritional research depends upon climate. It depends upon very many other facilities and we want to shift this Institute from Coonoor because those facilities, as I have said in my reply, are not available there.

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: Is there any difficulty in getting additional accommodation at Coonoor?

Mr. Speaker: That is one of the reasons given.

Dr. M. M. Das: May I know whether the Coonoor Institute is the only institute under the Central Government for carrying on research in nutrition, or is there some other institute also under the Central Government for that purpose?

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur: The Coonoor Institute is the only one under the Ministry of Health, but there is also another one under the Ministry of Food and Agriculture.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

PROFITS OF SUGAR MILLS

***1103. Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to lay on the Table of the House a statement showing:

(a) Gross profits of sugar mills in India for the years 1945-46, 1949-50, 1950-51 and 1951-52;

(b) dividends declared in each of the above years; and

(c) names of managing directors?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister (Shri Satish Chandra): (a) to (c). Information is being collected.

U.P.S.C. ASSISTANT GRADE EXAMINATION

***1107. Shri M. R. Krishna:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the number of candidates who appeared for the U.P.S.C. Assistant Grade examination held in December 1951;

(b) how many of them have qualified in the examination; and

(c) whether in this examination the pass percentage has been increased from 40 to 50?

The Minister of Home Affairs and States (Dr. Katju): (a) 2,973.

(b) 633 have qualified.

(c) Yes.

BONGARGAON-GAUHATI RAILWAY LINE

***1110. Jonab Amjad Ali:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether there was any project of construction of a Railway line connecting Bonagargaon with Gauhati via Jogighopa and Pancharatna with a bridge over the Brahmaputra river?

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The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): The reply is in the affirmative.

RAILWAY BRIDGE OVER RIVER BRAHMAPUTRA

***1111. Jonab Amjad Ali:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether a survey for the construction of a bridge over the River Brahmaputra from Jogighopa to Pancharatna was done;

(b) if so, when;

(c) whether there was any estimate prepared for the purpose;

(d) whether the execution of the work has been sanctioned; and

(e) when the execution of the work is likely to begin?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): (a) and (b). Some investigations about siting of a bridge at Jogighopa were carried out in 1947, but on account of the partition of the country and consequent drain on resources and lack of necessary equipment for boring into the river, further investigations were postponed.

(c) No estimate for the construction of the bridge was prepared.

(d) No.

(e) As the matters stand at present, there does not appear to be any likelihood of the work being commenced in the next few years.

TRACTORS

***1112. Col. Zaidi:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether there is any scheme for the manufacture of tractors in India; and

(b) if so, what progress has been made in this direction?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister (Shri Satish Chandra): (a) and (b). A number of schemes for the manufacture of tractors were sponsored by the various parties but only three have survived.

A firm in Orissa has proposed to manufacture tractors in this country by arrangement with a German firm. Production is expected to begin before the end of this year. A firm in Madras are assembling a well-known make of British tractors in their automobile