

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** Sometimes, some hon. Members unreasonably laugh. Therefore, hon. Member need not take notice of it. There is nothing in derision. Sometimes they laugh.

**Shrimati Chandrasekhar:** The Upgrading Committee recommended certain hospitals all over India for certain departments to be upgraded. I have no information about upgrading hospitals in Bihar. If the hon. Member wants information I shall give later. As regards the Venereal diseases department in Madras, it has done a lot of work and that has been recommended by the Committee. That is why the specialist comes to that institution: not for any other reason.

**Shrimati Renu Chakravarty:** May I know how many rural hospitals have been recommended for upgrading by the Upgrading Committee?

**Shrimati Chandrasekhar:** No rural hospitals; I have no information in detail; if the hon. Member gives notice, I shall furnish particulars.

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** We will proceed to the next question.

#### RICE RESEARCH INSTITUTE, CUTTACK (STUDENTS)

\*1099. **Shri Sanganna:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign and Indian students (separately) who are receiving training at the Central Rice-Research Institute, Cuttack (Orissa);

(b) the names of countries from which the foreign students have come;

(c) what is the duration of the term of training; and

(d) who will bear the expenses of the training of these students?

**The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh):** (a) Fifteen Foreign and eight Indian students.

(b) Ceylon, Egypt, France, Indonesia, Iran, Laos, Pakistan, Philippines, Thailand and India.

(c) Three months from 15th September, 1952.

(d) A statement showing how the cost will be shared between us and the Food and Agriculture Organisation is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VI, annexure No. 37]

**Shri Sanganna:** May I know the different sections of research in this institute?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** Breeding and hybridisation.

**Shri Sanganna:** May I know whether research in shifting cultivation, which is a problem in the Grow More Food scheme is carried on there?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** I thought the question was essentially about training, and not so far as the Research institution is concerned.

**Shri K. G. Deshmukh:** May I know whether our Government have any voice in the selection of these candidates?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** It is an international centre. So far as our representatives are concerned, they have been selected by us. We are having this centre on behalf of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation. It is an international affair and students are sent by various Governments. So far as the Indian students are concerned, they are chosen by our Government.

**Shri Boovaraghasamy:** What are the qualifications required to undergo such training and what are the concessions given for backward class students?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** I am afraid this does not refer to any particular caste or religion. The trainees are selected by the Governments concerned. They choose such persons as would benefit out of the training. No specific qualifications are laid down. It has been left to the individual Governments.

**Shri M. D. Joshi:** After the training is completed, will they be given any work to carry on research in rice growing areas in India?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** It is expected; but we cannot force any Government to do what we want.

#### TEA GARDENS IN ASSAM

\*1100. **Shri B. S. Murthy:** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of labourers affected as a result of the closure or intending closure of Tea gardens in Assam;

(b) the steps so far taken to provide them with alternative employment; and

(c) the facilities, if any, provided by the employers and Government for the unemployed plantation labour in Assam?

**The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali):** (a) No accurate information is available regarding the number of labourers affected as a result of the closure of tea gardens in Assam but the number is understood to be about 10,000. Information regarding the number of such workers in gardens that have given notice of closure is being collected.

(b) and (c). The Government of Assam have issued a directive that workers affected by the closure should be employed to the maximum extent possible on P.W.D. projects and they are also persuading local bodies, contractors and other concerns to give work to as many of them as possible.

**Shri B. S. Murthy:** May I know how many of these 10,000 have been provided with alternative employment?

**Shri Abid Ali:** We are collecting the information.

**Shri K. K. Basu:** May I know how far this persuasion has taken effective shape?

**Shri Abid Ali:** Efforts are being made; some of the workers have already been employed.

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** The Question-hour is over.

**Shri K. P. Tripathi:** Only one question, Sir.

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** I cannot allow after the Question-hour is over.

## WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

### ELECTRIFICATION OF ALIBAGH

\*1101. **Shri Kajrolkar:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of India object to the electrification of Alibagh, Bombay State owing to the situation of observatory there; and

(b) if so, how long the people of Alibagh will remain deprived of electricity?

**The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) No, but certain restrictions have been imposed to safeguard against interference to the magnetic observations at Alibagh Observatory.

(b) Does not arise.

### रेलवे-वर्कशाप

४७६. श्री बाबपाल : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे :

(क) बीकानेर राज्य रेलवे और जोधपुर राज्य रेलवे के उत्तर रेलवे में विलय के बाद उत्तर रेलवे की छौटी लाइनों के वर्कशापों की संख्या;

(ख) इन में से कौन सा वर्कशाप केन्द्रीय वर्कशाप है; तथा

(ग) क्या इन वर्कशापों के बड़ाने की कोई योजना है और यदि है तो वह कब कार्यान्वित की जायेगी ?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) Two. The Bikaner and Jodhpur workshops.

(b) Each of these workshops is centrally located for the metre gauge sections that it serves, but of the two, the Jodhpur Workshop is better equipped.

(c) The rationalisation of capacity of these two workshops to obtain optimum efficiency is being examined. No schemes have yet been formulated for the extension of either of these workshops.

### RAILWAY STAFF COLLEGE

477. **Shri S. C. Samanta:** (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state when and where has the Railway Staff College been re-opened?

(b) What were the main causes for closing down the Railway Staff College at Dehra Dun?

(c) How many area schools are there to train class III Railway staff and how many are going to be opened in the near future?

(d) Who are the administrative authorities of the staff college?

(e) How many officers can be trained in the college each year?

(f) Are any arrangements going to be made to accommodate more officers to be trained from the same college?