

Shri B. S. Murthy: May I know whether the hon. Minister is aware that there has been a school of Indian Medicine for the last 25 years in Madras, and which has been promoted as a college three years ago? In view of this, may I know why Madras has not been chosen as a fit place for founding the Central Institute?

Mr. Speaker: It is a matter of argument. It will require long statements of facts and comparisons as to why the Central Institute was put up at Jamnagar. I do not allow that. I look upon it as an argument.

Pandit Munishwar Datt Upadhyay: What is the percentage of the expenditure on medicines that is being devoted to Ayurvedic system at present?

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur: The State Governments are autonomous in the matter of health. I have not got the figures with me which could furnish the answer required by the hon. Member.

LAND RECLAIMED IN CENTRAL INDIA AND HIMALAYAN FOOTHILLS

*328. **Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state what is the total extent of land reclaimed in Central India and Himalayan foothills by jungle-clearance operations conducted by the Government of India?

(b) What is the total amount spent for these operations?

(c) What are the various uses to which the land reclaimed has been put?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) By its Jungle Clearance operations the Central Tractor Organisation has made available for cultivation an area of approximately 20,000 acres in Uttar Pradesh up to date. Besides, tree-felling operations, preparatory to ploughing work, have been completed on an additional area of 9,741 acres. No jungle-clearance operations have so far been carried out anywhere else by the Government of India.

(b) The total expenditure incurred on the Jungle Clearance operations up to the end of the last operational season is approximately Rs. 62,59,000.

(c) The land is used for agricultural purposes after reclamation.

Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy: May I know, Sir, whether the Government has got any plan or scheme

for conducting jungle clearance operations?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: No, Sir.

Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy: May I know, Sir, what is the amount spent for each acre cleared from the jungle?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: It comes to about Rs. 200 per acre.

Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy: May I know, Sir, how the land that has been reclaimed by clearance has been disposed of so far?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I do not know how it has been disposed of. It is the U.P. Government which asked us to do it, and they are going to pay for it.

Pandit Munishwar Datt Upadhyay: Is it a fact that a large area in U.P. was cleared without any expenditure?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I do not know.

Shri Barman: Is it a fact that the U.P. Government is trying to reclaim land with the help of elephant tractors, and if so, has the Government ascertained the comparative costs?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: No, I have not ascertained.

Shri Damodara Menon: Has the Government any plan to introduce co-operative farming in the area cleared?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I do not know.

Shri Nambiar: May I know, whether in view of Vanamahotsava, this jungle clearance will be stopped?

MONITORING STATIONS

*329. **Shri S. C. Samanta:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) how many monitoring stations have already been opened in India and where they are located;

(b) how many more stations are proposed to be set up in the near future;

(c) whether all conditions according to Post and Telegraph Regulations etc., have been fulfilled; and

(d) what was the cost of installations of those stations?