

**Shri Nambiar:** One question.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, order.

**Shri Nambiar:** But many cars have come.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, order. Next question.

#### REFRESHER COURSE FOR AGRICULTURAL FARMERS

\*205. **Shri Sanganna:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the third refresher course for agricultural farmers is being conducted by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research at Amravati in Madhya Pradesh with effect from the 1st October, 1954; and

(b) if so, how many farmers from each State have taken advantage of this course?

**The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh):** (a) Two refresher courses sponsored by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research for young farmers have been completed and it is understood that a third course has been started from 4th November in anticipation of Council's sanction.

(b) In this particular centre 47 young farmers have received training and 25 have been admitted to the third course. Out of the present batch undergoing training 18 are from Madhya Pradesh and 7 from Khandedh, Bombay State.

**Shri Sanganna:** May I know what aspects of agriculture are dealt with in this refresher course?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** This is a course which has been drafted by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research. It is going on in various centres under the State Governments, in the various parts of the country. It is considered a very suitable course for giving practical training, and some idea of better agricultural practices to the farmers' sons.

**Shri Sanganna:** May I know what assistance is given to these trainees,

after completion of their course, for the spread of their knowledge in the respective areas?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** One of the things we propose to do, when these boys are trained in these courses, is to settle them on land, wherever any land is available, if they are landless.

**Shri Sanganna:** May I know whether this is an annual feature?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** This is a six months' course and there can be two courses in a year.

**Shri K. K. Basu:** May I know whether the trainees are selected from different parts of the country or are restricted to any particular area?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** They are confined to the particular States, as far as possible; but, if any boys from the neighbouring States come in they are also admitted.

#### AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE

\*206. **Shri Morarka:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to undertake a periodical achievement audit, say every three years, in respect of the Agricultural Research Institutes; and

(b) if so, from what date?

**The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh):** (a) and (b). The Estimates Committee have made a recommendation to this effect in para. 69 of their Seventh Report which is still under the consideration of Government.

**Shri Morarka:** May I know when the Government propose to take a decision and whether they are going to have this periodical achievement audit about Agricultural Research Institutes or not?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** We will try to expedite our decision as much as possible.

**Pandit Munishwar Datt Upadhyay:** Does it contain the accounts regarding fees realised from individuals doing research work in the Institutes?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** This is a recommendation of the Estimates Committee. As I said, it is under consideration. I could not single out any particular factors and if they are taken into account or not, at this stage.

#### SUGAR FACTORIES

**\*210. Pandit Munishwar Datt Upadhyay:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of sugar factories in India at present; and

(b) the total rated capacity with which they are working?

**The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh):** (a) 159.

(b) The total crushing capacity of 159 factories is 1,37,000 tons of sugarcane per day. Some of these factories with a crushing capacity of about 8,700 tons per day have not been working regularly.

**Pandit Munishwar Datt Upadhyay:** May I know whether this rated capacity has not been reached in certain mills because there is shortage of sugarcane—raw material—or is it due to any other cause?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** Generally speaking, it is due to shortage of sugarcane.

**Pandit Munishwar Datt Upadhyay:** May I know how far the estimated consumption has exceeded the capacity of our production?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** I find it difficult to follow the exact import of the question.

**Pandit Munishwar Datt Upadhyay:** The actual consumption has exceeded the production that we can have if the rated capacity is achieved. What is the difference between consumption or demand and the supply—the utmost that the mills can produce?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** We fall short of the capacity of the plant because of want of sugarcane in that particular area. That is the only reason.

**Shri A. M. Thomas:** May I enquire whether any final decision has been taken by the Central Government on the application for shifting the only sugar factory in Travancore-Cochin and, if so, what is the decision?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** I must ask for notice.

#### INCIDENCE OF NUTRITIONAL DISORDERS

**\*210-A. Shri V. P. Nayar:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any machinery to assess the increase or decrease in the incidence of nutritional disorders as a result of poor diet; and

(b) if so, the effect of increased food production in several directions on the incidence of nutritional disorders, maladjustments and consequent diseases?

**The Deputy Minister of Health (Shrimati Chandrasekhar):** (a) Yes. Diet and Nutrition Surveys are carried out from time to time by various State Governments. A pamphlet published by the Indian Council of Medical Research containing a report of work done in 1953 in some States is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in the Library. See No. S. 428/54.]

(b) No planned surveys to assess the effect of increased food production in the country on the incidence of nutritional disorders have as yet been carried out by any of the State Governments.

**Shri V. P. Nayar:** Going through the pamphlet, I find that there is an appallingly high incidence of a variety of nutritional disorders ranging from mild anaemia to epidemic dropsy. May I know whether, in view of the very tall claims made by the Food Ministry about increased food production, the Government are in a position to inform this House whether