

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) to (e). A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix IV, Annexure No. 15].

Shri K. C. Sodhia: From the statement, I find that one of the reasons given is the accumulation of arrears of cane price, labour wages and cane cess. What was the total of these in the case of all these mills?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I must ask for notice of the question.

Shri K. C. Sodhia: When do Government intend to give over the controls? What is the likely period?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: It is bound to vary according to each factory, that is, the time taken in order to put it on a proper basis.

LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT—TRAINING

*709. **Shri S. C. Samanta:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 60 on the 16th November, 1954 and state:

(a) whether the details of the scheme to send Indians abroad for training in Local Self-Government has since been finalised;

(b) whether any of the international agencies have agreed to render help to the trainees; and

(c) if so, the names of the agencies and the nature of assistance proposed to be given by them?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): (a) No.

(b) and (c). The matter is still under consideration.

Shri S. C. Samanta: Is it not a fact that on the 10th October last, news appeared in the papers to the effect that those who are experienced in administrative services in local bodies may apply to the Central Health Ministry for scholarships? If so, which is the international body that has come forward to help?

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur: The help is being given under the T. C. A. Plan and we advertised and 109 applications have come in from 19 States.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether any committee has been set up for holding interviews?

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur: The matter is still under consideration. We have not appointed a committee yet.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS MYSTERY DISEASE IN MANGO TREES

*642. { **Shri Kasilwal:**
 Shri C. R. Iyyunni:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any information regarding a mystery disease which is attacking mango trees all over the country;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any survey regarding the extent of the disease and the loss which the mango crop is likely to suffer; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to combat this disease?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) Yes. The disease, which has been known to occur in the past, also has been reported from Bombay, Punjab, U.P. and Delhi. It is likely that it may be prevalent in other States as well.

(b) Detailed surveys of the disease on an All-India basis have not been undertaken. A preliminary survey conducted in Uttar Pradesh (which comprises 60 per cent. of mango acreage in India) has, however, revealed that the incidence of this disease in some of the orchards may be as high as 80 per cent. It is also estimated that about 22 per cent. of the seedling plants in nurseries are affected. The highest incidence of the disease in U.P. has been recorded in the western districts.

(c) The matter primarily concerns the State Governments. It is understood that the U.P. Government are considering a scheme to investigate into the causes of the disease to find

suitable remedies against it. No State has approached the Government of India for any assistance in the matter.

RAILWAY LINES

*644. **Shri S. N. Das:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to lay a statement on the Table of the House showing:

(a) the names of the new Railway lines for which a final location survey was ordered during the year 1954; and

(b) the names of the Projects, surveys for which were sanctioned during 1954 and in respect of which no decision has yet been arrived at so far?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) 1. Pathankot—Madhopur;

2. Indore—Wewas—Ujjain; and

3. Barabil—Joda

(b) 1. Rail Connection to serve Hill Coalfields:

2. Sambalpur—Titlagarh;

3. Madhopur—Titlagarh;

4. Ramshai—Binnaguri.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE SERVICES

*651. **Shri M. R. Krishna:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether any arrangements have been made to send experienced Nursing Sisters to the rural areas to give clinical advice to mothers and children; and

(b) whether Government have any Mobile Baby Clinics operating in the country?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): (a) Clinical advice to mothers and children in rural areas is given by trained Health Visitors and Midwives and not by Nursing Sisters.

(b) There are no separate mobile Baby Clinics operating in the country.

बन्दरगाहों का विकास

*642. **श्री रघुनाथ सिंह:** क्या परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पंचवर्षीय योजना के अन्तर्गत बम्बई, कलकता, मद्रास, कोचीन और कांचला के बन्दरगाहों के विकास के लिये निश्चित की गई राशि में से अब तक कितना व्यय हुआ है; और

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि अभी तक 54 प्रतिशत कार्य भी पूरा नहीं हुआ है ?

रूलबे तथा परिवहन उपमंत्री (श्री अल्लगेराज):

(क) इच्छित सूचना सीहित विवरण प्रस्तुत है। [प्रीलिम्बे परिशिष्ट ४, अनुबन्ध संख्या २६]

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NEW RAILWAY LINES

*655. **Shri Ram Shankar Lal:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal for the construction of a Railway Line from Barhaganj to Bahrwich via Bansaon, Menhdwal Bansi, Domariganj and Balrampur has been received by Government;

(b) if so, the reaction of the State Government to this proposal; and

(c) the steps taken in the matter?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The State Government have included amongst their recommendations for the construction of new Railway Lines during the Second Five-Year Plan period, proposals for the construction of a Railway Line from Balrampur to Sahjanwa via Domariganj, Bansi and Mahndawal and another Railway Line from Sahjanwa to Barhaganj. These proposals would