

Shri Jagan Sinha: In view of the unanimous opinion held in the country by official as well as non-official bodies on this point, may I know whether Government consider it desirable to issue a statement setting forth the detailed grounds for the difference of opinion with an expert body like the Indian Sugarcane Committee?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: It is wrong to suggest that there is so much unanimity as my hon. friend thinks there is. For instance, I could tell him that most of the State Governments were content to have Rs. 1-7-0 as the rate of sugarcane.

Pandit D. N. Tiwary: May I know whether Government have ever attempted to link the price of sugar with the cost of sugarcane?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): An experimental scheme is being conducted by the Indian Central Sugarcane Committee now to find out the cost of production.

Shri Heda: In view of the fact that the suggestions regarding sugarcane price made by Government or the formula suggested by Government are to be accepted on a voluntary basis, and since in many cases many of the mills do not follow it, may I know whether Government think that whatever suggestions or formula are laid down by them should be followed compulsorily?

Shri A. P. Jain: So far as the question of acceptance is concerned, all the mills have accepted even on the voluntary basis. As I stated the other day in the House, we are going to appoint a committee to consider the whole question of linking the price of sugarcane with the sale price of sugar, including the share in the profits.

श्री सिंहासन सिंह : अभी सरकार ने बताया कि चीनी के मूल्य में गन्ने की क्या कास्ट होती है यह बतलाने के लिए शर्करकेन रिसर्च इंस्टीट्यूट को कहा गया है। क्या गवर्नमेंट को अभी तक अपने गवर्नमेंट फार्म से यह पता

नहीं चला कि शर्करकेन के प्रोडक्शन की क्या कास्ट होती है।

श्री ए० बी० जैन : यह सवाल तो बिस्कुल अलहिदा है कि किसान का क्या लर्च पड़ता है। उसकी जांच होगी।

श्री सिंहासन सिंह : क्या गवर्नमेंट को....

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. Let us not argue this point now.

चिगलपेट में कुष्ठ रोग गवेषणा संस्था

२६०. श्री कृष्णाचार्य जोशी : क्या स्वास्थ्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगी कि कुष्ठ रोग गवेषणा संस्था, चिगलपेट महारास में किस प्रकार का गवेषणा कार्य किया जाता है ?

स्वास्थ्य मंत्री (राजकुमारी अमृत कौर): कुष्ठ रोग के 'लिप्रोसोमेटस' मरीजों को दिये गये बी० सी० जी० के टीके के प्रभाव पर और बच्चों में फैले हुए कुष्ठ रोग की व्यापकता सम्बन्धित क्षत्रों जो लंडी विंलिगडन लिप्रोसी सैनेटोरियम, तिरुमणि, जिला चिगलपेट और बच्चों के लिये सिलवर जुबिली चिलड्रन्स क्लीनिक, सैथ्येपेट में हो रही थी, वही अनुसन्धान अभी केन्द्रीय कुष्ठ रोग शिक्षण व अनुसन्धान संस्था में, जिसकी स्थापना ५ जनवरी, १९५५ को हुई है, जारी है। संस्था के डायरेक्टर की नियुक्ति के बाद अनुसन्धान सम्बन्धित कार्य क्षेत्र को बढ़ाने के प्रश्न पर विचार किया जायेगा।

Shri Krishnacharya Joshi: May I know whether Government have considered the various recommendations made by the Leprosy Conference recently held at Jamshedpur?

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur: Yes. Naturally, all suggestions made by the important conference held recently are always considered. In this particular aspect of the Central Research Institute, a committee was set up in 1948, and it made its recommendations, a majority of which has been accepted.

Shri Krishnacharya Joshi: Regarding research work, a suggestion was made by the president of the Confer-

ence, Shri G. V. Mavalankar in his address that:

"The new Central leprosy teaching and research institute at Madras would no doubt make its own contribution in addition to research by qualified men in laboratories and in the field, but the asylums might also have a research section where qualified research workers could carry on research work."

Will this proposal be accepted by Government?

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur: Certainly, it will be given the consideration it merits.

Dr. Suresh Chandra: Have Government any statistics with regard to the exact number of lepers in this country?

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur: It is very difficult to say, but we reckon that there are at least 2 million lepers in India.

Dr. Rama Rao: I understand the hon. Minister as saying in Hindi—which I did not understand well—that they are trying BCG vaccination as a method of prevention in Chingleput. May I know if any conclusions have been drawn on the experiment?

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur: The experiment with BCG has only just begun and it is therefore too early to give results.

PASSENGER AMENITIES

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(a) the number of waiting halls and sheds constructed on the North-Eastern Railway during the year 1954; and

(b) whether it is a fact that at the Dighwara railway station an upper class waiting room has been constructed instead of a third class passengers' shed as originally planned?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) 9 waiting halls and sheds for III Class and 7 waiting rooms for Upper Class passengers.

(b) It is a fact that an upper class waiting room has been constructed at Dighwara as none was existing to meet the requirements of upper class traffic dealt with at this station. However the work of extending the existing third class waiting accommodation will also be taken up shortly.

पंडित डी० एन० तिवारी : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि कोई एक नियम बनाया गया है या कोई सिद्धान्त ऐसे नियुक्त किये गये हैं कि कहां कहां वॉटिंग हाल्स और पैसेंजर शेल्स बनाये जायें ?

श्री शाहनवाज खां : जी हां, इनके लिये तो खास हिदायतें जारी की गयी हैं और उन्हीं के मुताबिक काम किया जाता है ।

पंडित डी० एन० तिवारी : क्या सरकार को मालूम है कि दिघवारा रेलवे स्टेशन पर अपर क्लास के पैसेंजर्स शायद ही एक या दो नित्य आते हैं जब कि थर्ड क्लास के पैसेंजर्स चार साँ और पांच साँ के करीब रोज वहां पर आते हैं तो वहां पर अपर क्लास का वॉटिंग हाल बनाने की क्या जरूरत थी ?

श्री शाहनवाज खां : वहां दिघवारा में एक वॉटिंग हाल है जो बुकिंग बिडो का वॉटिंग हाल है और उसके लिये यह सुना गया है कि २५५ मुरब्बा फुट जगह वहां के थर्ड क्लास के मुसाफिरों के लिये काफी है लेकिन उसके बरअक्स ३५२ मुरब्बा फुट जगह वहां पर थर्ड क्लास के पैसेंजर्स के लिए मौजूद है, जब हमारा आनरबुल मेम्बर वर्गेरह भी वहां पर जाते रहते हैं तो उनके वास्तु हमने अपर क्लास का वॉटिंग हाल भी बना दिया है ।

Shri Bogawat: Are the Government aware that in the industrially developed area of the Dhond-Manmad line there is urgent need for waiting rooms and halls?