

campaigns and so on. I have not got the figures just now, but the figure of 1953-54 was to the extent of 5½ million tons more than that of 1952-53 and we will maintain the target for the year 1954-55 also.

Employees' State Health Insurance Scheme

*536. **Shri M. Islamuddin** : Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to extend the benefits of the Employees' State Health Insurance Scheme to the families of the workers coming under the Scheme; and

(b) if so, when it will be enforced ?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali) : (a) and (b). The question of extending the benefits of the Employees' State Insurance Scheme to the families of insured workers is being examined by the Employee's State Insurance Corporation.

Forced Landings

*537. **Shri Ram Dass** : Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of forced landings in which Indian Airlines Corporation planes were involved during 1954-55 up to the 30th June 1955;

(b) the number of safe landings; and

(c) the extent of damage caused to human life and property in these forced landings?

The Deputy Ministry of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur) : (a) 21.

(b) All forced landings were executed safely.

(c) No one was killed nor any injury caused to any one as a result of the forced landings. No damage was caused to property either, except in one case where the aircraft was damaged due to collapsing of the under-carriage.

श्री राम दास : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि जो हादसे हुये, उनमें से कितनों के लिये कोई मकैनिकल डिफेक्ट जिम्मेदार थे ?

श्री राजबहादुर : जी हाँ, लगभग पंद्रह हादसों के लिये मकैनिकल डिफेक्ट्स जिम्मेदार थे ।

श्री राम दास : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि क्या ग्रब गवर्नमेंट ने कोई ज्यादा एहति-

यात बरतने की तजबीज बनाई है, जिससे इस किस्म के हादसे आगे न हो सकें ?

श्री राजबहादुर : एहतियात तो जितनी मुमकिन होती है, वह हमेशा ली जाती है । फिर भी कभी-कभी मकैनिकल और दूसरे कारणों से फोर्स लैंडिंग हो जाती है ।

श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : कल भी एक हो गया ।

संचार मंत्री (श्री जगजीवन राम) : वह मकैनिकल डिफेक्ट की वजह से नहीं हुआ ।

Dysentery Epidemic in Agartala

*538. **Shri Biren Dutt** : Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that dysentery epidemic is prevalent in Agartala, Tripura since June, 1955;

(b) whether it is due to contaminated tube-well water; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take in the matter ?

The Deputy Minister of Health (Shrimati Chandrasekhar) : (a) No.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Shri Biren Dutt : May I know whether Government have seen the report in the press to the effect that five children have died on account of this dysentery ?

Shrimati Chandrasekhar : I have no information.

Shri V. P. Nayar : The hon. Minister replied that there was no incidence of dysentery. May I know the agency through which the enquiry was made ?

Shrimati Chandrasekhar : I did not say there was no incidence of dysentery. I said there was no epidemic incidence of dysentery. The information that we have obtained is from the Chief Commissioner of Agartala.