

Shri C.R. Narasimhan: Have not Government already certain directives to the officers giving them guidance as to when to make pronouncements and when not to? Are there no existing directives and if there are, are the officers made known about them?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: All that the hon. Member wants to know is if a directive exists already.

Shri C. R. Narasimhan: Are there general directives issued to Government servants as to when and when not to make statements?

The Minister of Finance (Shri C.D. Deshmukh): This action was quite improper. There were no directions to forestall such a thing.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Hindi

*2400. **Shri D.C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state the programme for introducing Hindi in Posts and Telegraphs Offices in the year 1955?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): There is no specific programme. However, several positive steps have been taken and are continuing to be taken for popularising the use of Hindi in P. & T. Offices.

Remission of Rent Arrears

*2407. **Shri Biren Dutt:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the number of petitions made by the tenants to the Government of Tripura, for the remission of rent-arrears during the year 1955, so far;

(b) in how many cases the remission has been granted; and

(c) whether Government propose to apply the Limitation Act in Tripura, even in the matter of realisation of rent of the *khas* land?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) 1321.

(b) Remission has not been granted in any case so far.

(c) This is not possible until and unless the *Mitpura* Tenancy Act is substituted by the *Mitpura* Land Reforms Act which is in a final legislative stage.

Soil Survey in Sugarcane Areas

*2411. **Shri Bishwa Nath Roy:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether Government

propose to start soil survey in the sugarcane growing parts of the country in the near future for developing sugarcane cultivation?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): Soil survey in sugarcane areas is already being carried out by the major sugarcane producing States through their own Sugarcane Research Stations. For these Schemes financial assistance is being given by the Central Government also through the Indian Central Sugarcane Committee. It is proposed to extend the Soil Survey work as part of the Research and Development programme for the Second Five Year Plan.

Misuse of Railway Concessions

*2412. **Shri Kelappan:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in June 1954 or thereabout, there was a case of misuse of the Railway concessions allowed to certain students of the Sacred Heart High School, Mhow.

(b) whether there has been any occasion in the past for a similar misuse of the concession by this school; and

(c) the total loss suffered by the Railways?

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

(b) There is no evidence to indicate that the concession had been misused in the past.

(c) No loss occurred to the Railway.

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२७१७. श्री एम० एम० सिंह : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या यह सच है कि पूर्वोत्तर रेलवे के महुआडीह स्टेशन के ट्रांसशिपमेंट सेवा में इस प्रकार का परिवर्तन किया जा रहा है कि वह २४ घंटे काम करता रहे ?

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