

Sardar Hukam Singh : Does the international body hold its session by rotation in various countries or is it left to the international executive?

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur : The international conferences are held (quadrennially) every four years at the invitation of the different countries. A decision is taken at these annual conferences.

Shrimati Ila Palchoudhury : May I know if India has participated in any of the Red Cross meetings that have been held in other countries in recent years?

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur : Of course. India takes part in these meetings. The last international conference was held in Canada and India was present there.

Sardar Hukam Singh : What was the contribution that we had to make to this international body, if any, and what was the aid that was given by this international body to us during the last year?

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur : The Red Cross Societies of all countries help India or any country enormously when there are natural disasters of any kind. We have throughout these 8½ years received help worth crores of rupees from the Red Cross. As far as India is concerned, India gives Rs 1½ lakhs per annum to both the Red Crosses, that is, the International Commission and the League of Red Cross Societies.

CENTRAL FOOD LABORATORY

***685. Shri Krishnacharya Joshi :** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state whether the Central Food Laboratory has been established at Calcutta?

The Deputy Minister of Health (Shrimati Chandrasekhar) : Yes.

Shri Krishnacharya Joshi : May I know whether any analysis of samples has been undertaken and if so, with what results?

Shrimati Chandrasekhar : In this laboratory, a number of samples of

various food articles relating to offences under the Food Adulteration Act are analysed. The number of articles received is 40. We have analysed 27 samples. There were also some samples analysed for investigation purposes and they are 23 in number.

Shri Krishnacharya Joshi : May I know how many experts are working there and may I know whether any foreign expert is working?

Shrimati Chandrasekhar : We have just started this institute. We have not got any foreign expert. Only there is a director and some staff to assist him.

Shrimati Ila Palchoudhury : Does this laboratory test in adulteration cases only or does it also test the nutritive value of children's food, milk, vitamins, nation, etc.?

Shrimati Chandrasekhar : In answer to the first question I said that there were samples in connection with the Food Adulteration Act to detect offences and also for investigation purposes. It is for both purposes.

Shri N. M. Lingam : May I know if all suspected cases of food adulteration are sent to this laboratory, the only laboratory of its kind or have the Government in mind the starting of another laboratory in another part of the country?

Shrimati Chandrasekhar : This one laboratory is quite enough for the Central Government.

पर्यटन

***६८६. श्री भक्त बर्षान :** क्या परिवहन मंत्री १७ अगस्त, १९५५ को पूछे गये तारांकित प्रश्न संख्या ८२३ के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) पर्यटन के विकास के लिये उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार ने जो प्रस्ताव भेजे थे उन पर क्या तब से कोई अन्तिम निर्णय किया गया है; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो क्या स्वीकृत योजना की एक प्रति सभा के टेबल पर रखी जायेगी?

रेलवे तथा परिवहन मंत्री को सभा सचिव (श्री शाहनवाज खाँ) : (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) सवाल ही पैदा नहीं होता।

श्री भक्त बर्षन : क्या मंत्री महोदय बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि इस बारे में अभी तक क्या प्रगति हुई है ? क्या उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार से लिखा पढ़ी की गयी है या इस सम्बन्ध में और कोई प्रगति हुई है ?

श्री शाहनवाज खाँ : कुछ मांगे उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार की तरफ से आयी थीं लेकिन यह सारा मसला प्लानिंग कमीशन के विचाराधीन है।

श्री भक्त बर्षन : क्या यह सत्य है कि ट्रांसपोर्ट मिनिस्ट्री ने प्लानिंग कमीशन से एक बहुत बड़ी रकम की मांग की थी लेकिन बहुत कम रकम मंजूर हुई है, और क्या अब उस रकम को बढ़ावाये जाने की कोशिश की जा रही है ?

रेलवे तथा परिवहन मंत्री (श्री एल० बी० शास्त्री) : पहले जो हमने प्लान बनाया था वह बहुत बड़ा था और कुछ ज्यादा रूपयों की मांग की गयी थी। लेकिन अभी इस मसले पर प्लानिंग कमीशन ने कोई फैसला नहीं किया है।

Shri C. D. Pande : May I know if the Government have issued any visitors' folder for Naini Tal which is one of the most beautiful hill stations ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan) : We have issued so many folders. I do not know whether there is one for Naini Tal.

Shri C. D. Pande : No.

Shri Alagesan : I shall look into it.

Pandit D. N. Tiwary : May I know whether places of tourist interest are taken from all over India or whether they are selected on the representation of the State Governments ?

Shri Alagesan : We take into consideration places of tourist attraction all over the country. Of course, we take the opinions of the State Governments also as to which of the places are suitable for development from this point of view. We take the opinions of others also.

श्री भक्त बर्षन : अगली पंचवर्षीय योजना में पर्यटन उद्योग के लिए उत्तर प्रदेश को जो रकम दी जायेगी उसका निर्णय करने में तो अभी देरी

होगी, लेकिन क्या यह बतलाया जा सकता है कि सन् १९५६-५७ के लिए क्या रकम मंजूर की गयी है ?

श्री एल० बी० शास्त्री : अभी सन् १९५६-५७ के लिये कोई रकम मंजूर नहीं हुई है। जब प्लानिंग कमीशन इस सम्बन्ध में कुछ फैसला करेगा तभी हम कुछ निश्चय कर सकेंगे। लेकिन जहाँ तक बुद्धिस्त सेंटर्स (बौद्ध केन्द्रों) का ताल्लुक है, उनमें से खास खास जगहों के लिए हमने काफी रूपया दिया है और काम शुरू भी हो गया है।

FLOOD RELIEF

*687. Shri Bibhuti Mishra : Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a relief agency in America had sent milk powder and butter oil for homeless flood victims of Madras ;

(b) if so, the agency which distributed them and to what extent Government co-operation was sought ; and

(c) the names of other foreign agencies which had rendered similar help to flood and cyclone sufferers?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa) : (a) Gifts of milk powder, butter oil, etc., sent by the three sending agencies in U. S. A., namely the Church World Service, the Catholic Relief Services, and the Co-operative for American Remittances to Everywhere, were utilised in providing relief to the cyclone and flood victims of Madras.

(b) The gifts were distributed by the State Government officials with the assistance of non-official relief organizations and committees.

(c) A statement is placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha showing the names of the recognised Sending Agencies in U. S. A. which have been sending gift parcels under the Indo-U. S. Agreement, a part of which has been distributed in the flood-affected areas through recognised voluntary receiving agencies in India. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 17.]