

young men and women can be trained in the catering department? Or is it a case of jumping from the frying pan into the fire?

**Shri Alagesan:** I should like only to say that wherever departmental catering has been introduced, the service has been very much appreciated, the prices have gone down and the quality has definitely improved. This is the information which I gathered from some of the Members of this House. That shows that this experiment has proved a success.

#### HOTEL TRAINING

\*1797. **Shri Radha Raman:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to send a batch of Indian students abroad for hotel training;

(b) if so, the name of the country where these students will be sent; and

(c) other details of this proposal?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Selection of the countries where the Indian students will be sent for hotel training has not yet been made.

(c) A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix X, annexure 45].

**Shri Radha Raman:** It is mentioned in the statement that three students will be selected for this purpose. The method of selection is also given in the statement. May I know to which countries these three students will be sent for this training?

**Shri Alagesan:** I just now said that we have not yet decided upon the countries to which they will be sent.

**Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:** Since Government is going to spend a lot of money over them, may I know whether there will be anything in the contract that after their term of training it will be binding on them to serve the Government?

**Shri Alagesan:** In this expenditure, there is participation by the Hotel Federation. Government will be incurring 40 per cent of the expenditure on these students and 60 per cent will be incurred by the Hotel Federation and Restaurants Association in India. They are expected to be absorbed by these hotels because there are European personnel in the hotels who are to be replaced by Indian personnel. The expenditure that Government will be incurring will not be much. It will come to about Rs. 21,000 for three students for three years.

**Shri Shivananjappa:** May I know how the services of these students will be utilised after their training?

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. Minister just now answered that question.

**Shri Velayudhan:** May I know whether the people selected will be given training in conducting and running the hotel or in the cooking methods or things like that? We have no idea about the nature of training.

**Shri Alagesan:** They will serve as receptionists, service managers, etc.

Some hon. Members rose—

**Mr. Speaker:** All hon. Members seem to be interested in hotel training. But let us hear the answer of the hon. Minister.

**Shri Alagesan:** I said that they will be employed here as receptionists, service managers, etc.

#### SPECIAL VARIETY OF RICE

\*1798. **Shri H. G. Vaishnav:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether any special variety of rice seed requiring little irrigation and yielding more produce has been developed in Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) if so, whether this seed will be popularised by Government in other parts of the country?