

(ग) क्या इन पदाधिकारियों को तृतीय श्रेणी में रखा गया है और क्या कम्पाउण्डर, नर्स, ट्रैसर, और क्लर्क भी उसी श्रेणी में रखे गये हैं।

रेलवे मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री शाहनवाज खां) : (क) से (ग) शायद माननीय सदस्य का मतलब असिस्टेंट सर्जनों से है, जिन्हें पांच वर्ष का सेवा-काल पूरा होने पर अवैतनिक राजपत्रित अफसरों का दर्जा दिया जाता है। पूर्वोत्तर रेलवे प्रशासन ऐसे ४५ असिस्टेंट सर्जनों में से ४१ को यह दर्जा देने के लिये कार्रवाई कर रहा है, जिनका सेवा-काल पूरे पांच वर्ष का हो चुका है। यद्यपि इन कर्मचारियों का दर्जा तीसरी श्रेणी के बराबर होगा, जिसमें कम्पाउण्डर, नर्स, ट्रैसर, और क्लर्क रखे जाते हैं, फिर भी ये पहली और दूसरी श्रेणी की कुछ सुविधाएं पाने के हकदार हैं।

#### Agricultural Commissioner

1869. **Shri Brajeshwar Prasad:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the duties of the Agricultural Commissioner and Extension Commissioner; and

(b) whether these posts are of a technical and scientific nature?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a)—*Duties of Agricultural Commissioner:*

- (i) Examination of research schemes submitted by State Governments and Agricultural Institutions.
- (ii) Examination of technical programmes and progress reports on the work of the various research schemes and their inspection.
- (iii) Preparation of schemes which the Indian Council of Agricultural Research formulates.

(iv) Dissemination of information with regard to agricultural research schemes and technical problems of agriculture of the country through various journals published by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research.

(v) Advising the Government of India, State Governments, Planning Commission, Research Institutions and Commodity Committees on matters relating to agricultural problems.

#### *Duties of the Extension Commissioner:*

- (i) To secure effective and speedy implementation of the Intensive Agriculture District Programme commonly known as "Package" Programme in the States with a view to stepping up food production in the country.
- (ii) To serve as a link between the agricultural research institutions and the farmers.
- (iii) To arrange training of extension personnel, mainly Gramsevakas and Gramsevikas; and in-service training of subject matter specialists.
- (iv) To arrange to disseminate agricultural information on improved practices for the benefit of farmers and extension workers, through the production and distribution of agricultural information, literature and other publicity media.
- (v) To render advice to State Departments of Agriculture and other extension agencies in the States through a team of subject matter specialists, trained in extension work, on educational aspects of farming to bring about technological improvements.

(b) The post of Agricultural Commissioner is technical but not that of the Extension Commissioner.

#### Recruitment to Senior Posts

**1870. Shri Brajeshwar Prasad:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the procedure for recruitment to senior posts of specialists on subjects like Horticulture, Poultry, Soils, Information etc.?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas):** The senior posts of Specialists on subject like Horticulture, Poultry, Soils, Information, etc., are filled in accordance with the recruitment rules framed in respect of each individual post with the concurrence of the Union Public Service Commission, either by open advertisement through the Union Public Service Commission or from among serving officers of State Governments on a tenure basis or by transfer on deputation of suitable officers from State Governments or from the Central Government.

#### Package Programme

**1871. Shri Brajeshwar Prasad:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) what is the per-district outlay, in terms of money, for the Package Programme; and

(b) how it compares with the proposed outlays for the new districts being brought under the Programme?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh):** (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House showing the per-district outlay, in terms of money for—[See Appendix II, annexure No. 62]

(i) the first 7 districts of the Package Programme; and

(ii) the 8 districts selected subsequently for inclusion in the Programme.

#### Training Schemes on Rural Development

**1872. Shri Brajeshwar Prasad:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) when the Ministry of Community Development, Panchayati Raj and Co-operation handles training schemes on rural development, why should Gramsevaks alone be trained under a different agency, namely Directorate of Extension under the Ministry of Food and Agriculture;

(b) whether it is a fact that about 40 candidates are being sent abroad for extension training when the present foreign exchange position is so tight;

(c) whether Government have not enough trained officials in Extension work during the last ten years to build up a nucleus for giving training; and

(d) whether extension is such a specialized subject needing laboratory and other facilities which are not likely to be available in the country?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh):** (a) The main role of the Gramsevaks is to assist the farmers in adopting improved agricultural practices and raising the standard of farming in the villages. The content of training of the Gramsevaks must, therefore, necessarily have a predominant agricultural bias. For this reason the Department of Agriculture is the most appropriate agency for arranging training of this category.

(b) It is tentatively proposed to depute about 40 candidates abroad for extension training during 1963 but no foreign exchange is involved as the entire expenditure on the to-and-fro travel of the trainees as well as their maintenance abroad is to be met by the United States Agency for International Development.

(c) No, as during 1951 to 1961 only 33 persons have received higher training in foreign countries in the field