

(c) whether harbour facilities have been made under the Plan;

(d) if so, at which places; and

(e) the amount so far spent under the Plan over items mentioned in parts (a) and (c) above?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa): (a) to (e). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Shri V. P. Nayar: I submit, Sir, that in such cases the question need not be answered. If the information is being collected, what are we to put our supplementaries on?

Mr. Speaker: Order, order.

Shri V. P. Nayar: Then why at all should the time of the House be taken up?

Mr. Speaker: He is taking up the time of the House now in putting this question.

Shri V. P. Nayar: That is because I want to avoid such things in the future.

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: May I submit.....

Mr. Speaker: It is no use submitting. The information has to be collected.

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: The hon. Member.....

Mr. Speaker: Order, order.

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGES

*848. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state how many new Agricultural Degree Colleges have been started in India since the 15th August, 1947?

(b) How many of them are still unrecognised?

(c) How many States have Agricultural Degree Colleges?

(d) Is any grant given by the Central Government to any of them and if so, how much to each?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa): (a) 8, according to the information available with the Government of India.

(b) One.

(c) Thirteen excluding the Central College of Agriculture in Delhi which is maintained by the Central Government.

(d) Nil.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know, Sir, if it is the intention of the Ministry to provide more agricultural colleges in those States which are called surplus States?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): The State Governments are making arrangements to open colleges in such States. For instance, Orissa is contemplating to start an agricultural college in Orissa, and Punjab has got a scheme to start another college in the Punjab.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know, Sir, if anything is being done to revise the syllabus of these colleges in order to provide good workers for our community projects?

Shri Kidwai: The Orissa Government is contemplating to start a college with training for Extension Service, and it will keep in touch with the agricultural developments around the college area.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know, Sir, if the Central Government is contemplating to give some of our agricultural projects to these colleges for research investigation?

Shri Kidwai: If there is such a proposal, we will consider it sympathetically.

W.H.O.

*849. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** (a) Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state what research projects in India have been conducted so far under the

auspices of the World Health Organisation?

(b) How many of these are still in progress?

The Deputy Minister of Health (Shrimati Chandrasekhar): (a) Three research projects viz. 'Epidemiological studies in Cholera in West Bengal', 'Plague Survey Project in U.P.', and 'Special Research Project in Tuberculosis including B.C.G. Vaccination at Madanapalle' have so far been conducted in association with the World Health Organisation.

(b) Except for the Plague Survey Project in U.P. which is not functioning for the time being owing to the departure of the World Health Organisation expert, the other two projects are in progress.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know, Sir, if it is under the contemplation of the Ministry to undertake research in leprosy in collaboration with the W.H.O.?

Shrimati Chandrasekhar: Not with the collaboration of the W.H.O., but we are going to establish a Research Institute in Madras.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know, Sir, if it is under the contemplation of the Ministry to undertake research with the collaboration of the W.H.O., into those diseases which are peculiar to the people who live in mountainous or sub-mountainous regions?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): There is no such project before the Ministry at the moment, but we do take W.H.O. assistance whenever it is possible.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know, Sir, if the Ministry is in communication with the W.H.O. for conducting any new research projects?

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur: They may help us later on.

EFFICIENCY BUREAU ON RAILWAYS

***850. Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Efficiency Bureau at the Centre has been set up; and

(b) whether there is a proposal to have similar bureaux at the headquarters of every Zonal Railway?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) It is expected to be set up in the beginning of January 1954.

(b) No, there is no proposal at present to have similar Bureaux at Zonal Railway headquarters.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know, Sir, what the functions of this Efficiency Bureau will be?

Shri Alagesan: It will be a sort of expert organisation which will undertake investigation of specific problems of Railway working in the field of operation, workshop outturn etc., with a view to systematising practices and securing economies.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know, Sir, if the problems of industrial management will also come under the aegis of this Bureau?

Shri Alagesan: I do not exactly understand the relation between industrial management and the Railway. They will deal with all problems relating to Railway working.

Shri D. C. Sharma: I mean the province relating to transport workers and all that.

Shri Alagesan: Staff problems also they may take up and deal with.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know if the problem of human relations between Railway officials and passengers will also be under the aegis of this Bureau?

Mr. Speaker: Can he say anything?

Shri Alagesan: I think the Minister is the link for that.