

one per train on which they are scheduled to be run. No additional dining cars have been provided to avoid rush. When there is a rush of passengers at meal times, more than one sitting is arranged.

(c) Does not arise.

#### MEDICINAL PLANTS

**484. Shri V. P. Nayar:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to give assistance to States in the matter of systematic cultivation and collection of medicinal plants;

(b) if so, the steps taken; and

(c) the names of the State Governments which have any programme for cultivation of rare plants with known potential medicinal value?

**The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa):**  
(a) The Indian Council of Agriculture Research is giving financial assistance to the State Governments for research schemes regarding the cultivation of medicinal plants.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of Sabha. [See Appendix III annexure No. 43.]

(c) West Bengal, Assam, Jammu and Kashmir, U.P. (Chakrata under Forest Research Institute, Dehra Dun).

#### KEY VILLAGE AND ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION CENTRES

**485. Shri Hem Raj:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Key Village and Artificial Insemination Centres have been opened in the Western Himalayan region Districts for the improvement of milch cattle; and

(b) if so, at what places?

**The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa):**

(a) Yes.

(b) A statement is placed on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 44.]

#### EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGE, NAGPUR

**486. Shri N. A. Borkar:** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to lay a statement on the Table of the House giving the following details:

(a) the total number of candidates registered in different categories in the Employment Exchange, Nagpur during the last three years;

(b) the total number of candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes registered under various categories during this period; and

(c) the total number of registered candidates (Scheduled Caste and others) who got employment in different trades?

**The Minister of Labour (Shri K. K. Desai):** (a) to (c). A statement is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 45.]

#### IMPORT OF TRACTORS

**487. Sardar Iqbal Singh:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of tractors imported into India during 1953-54 (i) on Government account; and (ii) on private account;

(b) the total value of these imports under each head; and

(c) the names of the foreign countries which shared in the above imports and to what extent?

**The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa):** (a) to (c). A statement giving the required information is placed on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 46.]