

## KODAIKANAL OBSERVATORY

509. { **Shri S. C. Samanta :**  
**Shri Raghunath Singh :**  
 Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Kodaikanal Observatory communicated that recently a large and active sunspot traversed in the sun's disc; and

(b) if so, the nature of disturbances that took place?

**The Minister in the Ministry of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur) :**  
 (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Kodaikanal Observatory recorded considerable disturbances both in the geomagnetic field and in the ionosphere during the period 18th to 26th January, 1956. Some radio communications were also reported to have been affected on the 20th January, 1956.

## RESEARCH CENTRES FOR MENTALLY HANDICAPPED

510. **Shrimati Ila Palchoudhury :**  
 Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any Government-sponsored Research Centres for the mentally handicapped;

(b) if so, the places of their location; and

(c) the number of cases dealt with during 1955 at these Centres?

**The Minister of Health (Raj Kumari Amrit Kaur) :** (a) and (b). Yes. There is only one such centre, namely, the All-India Institute of Mental Health, Bangalore.

(c) 4,500 approximately.

## अखिल भारतीय कृषक सम्मेलन

५११. श्री अमर सिंह डामर : क्या खाद्य और कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि खाद्य और कृषि मंत्रालय ने अप्रैल १९५५ में जो अखिल भारतीय कृषक सम्मेलन बुलाया था, उस पर कुल कितना व्यय हुआ ?

**कृषि मंत्री (डा० पी० एस० बंधानुज) :** खाद्य और कृषि मंत्रालय ने ऐसा कोई सम्मेलन नहीं बुलाया, लेकिन नई दिल्ली में एक अप्रैल से पांच अप्रैल १९५५ तक किसानों का राष्ट्रीय सम्मेलन हुआ। यह फार्मर्स फोरम, इंडिया के तत्वावधान में हुआ जो कि एक प्राईवेट बाडी है और रजिस्ट्रेशन आफ सोसायटीज एक्ट १९६० के अधीन रजिस्टर्ड है। इसलिये इसके खर्च के साथ साथ और कृषि मंत्रालय का कोई सम्बन्ध नहीं है।

## ASSAM RICE MILLS ASSOCIATION

512. **Shri K. P. Tripathi :** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Assam Rice Mills Association, Gauhati has forwarded a statement showing their unsatisfied demand to date of Registrations for wagons made in November and December 1955 at Bijni, Tihu, Khorabari, Tangla, Udalguri and other stations; and

(b) if so, the steps taken in the matter?

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

(b) Consistent with the overall requirements to be met, steps were taken to increase the loading of rice in Assam during the current season as is evident from the fact that from November '55 to 20th February 1956, 2,892 wagons were loaded from stations in Alipur-duar and Lumding districts of Assam including the stations mentioned, against 2,001 wagons during the corresponding period of 1954-55 indicating an increase of 44.5% during this year.

## DALMIA DADRI CEMENT, LTD.

513. **Shri R. K. Gupta :** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount claimed for missing of goods and damages by Dalmia Dadri Cement, Ltd., during 1954-55 and 1955-56;