

(b) Ravalgaon factory pays interest at 6% per annum. No interest is paid by Lakshmiwadi and Sakarwadi factories.

(c) No, Sir. The deposits are made under mutual agreements and are returned after the close of the season.

#### Ravalgaon Sugar Factory

1890. Shri Jadhav: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state

(a) for how many days did the Ravalgaon Sugar Factory run during the crushing season of 1957-58,

(b) how much cane was crushed during the above season,

(c) how much of the cane crushed was of factory ownership, how much was supplied by the agriculturists and how much was supplied by the Dab hadi Co-operative Sugar Factory

(d) whether the Ravalgaon Sugar Factory has made recently any change in the cane crushing capacity and

(e) if so what is its crushing capacity at present?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) 131 days

(b) 1,62,305 tons

(c) (i) 75,875 (ii) 75,019 and (iii) 11,411 tons respectively

(d) The factory has been granted a licence to increase its capacity from 850 to 1,200 tons of cane per day. The expansion is to be completed by 1959-60.

(e) About 900 tons cane per day.

#### Homoeopathic Enquiry Committee

1891. Shri Mohan Nayak: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state what steps have been taken to implement the recommendations of the Homoeopathic Enquiry Committee?

The Minister of Health (Shri Kar-markar): The recommendations of the Homoeopathic Enquiry Committee

were examined by another Committee appointed in 1955 under the chairmanship of Dr D. T. Dave. The Dave Committee recommended the establishment of a Central Council of Homoeopathic System of Medicine with the object of achieving uniform standards in respect of education and practice of Homoeopathy. The recommendations of the Dave Committee were referred to all the State Governments for their remarks. The Central Council of Health at their meeting held in January, 1958, recommended that it should be left to the individual State Governments to take such steps as they considered practicable and desirable for the development of Homoeopathic System of Medicine.

#### Telephone Receivers

1892. Shri A. K. Gopalan: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that the Calcutta telephone authorities are investigating the allegation of maintenance of about 12 telephone receivers at the silver katri in Cotton Street Calcutta,

(b) if so, whether the investigation is over, and

(c) the main points of the report of the investigation?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri S. K. Patil): (a) No

(b) and (c) Do not arise

#### Employment in Merchant Navy

1893 { Shri A. K. Gopalan:  
Shri Kunhan:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state

(a) whether the Director General of Shipping has objected to the employment of boys who have passed