

(c) what steps have been taken to wipe out the pests and also to prevent recurrence?

**The Deputy Minister of Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa):** (a) and (b). Recently, there was a large scale attack of the red caterpillar pest on groundnut crop in the Usilampatti area of Madurai District in Madras State. The attack was also noticed during this season in Dindigul area of the same district and in parts of Thanjavur and Ramanathapuram Districts. The incidence was on a smaller scale in all the areas except Usilampatti, where an area of 23,000 acres is reported to have been affected and the loss of crops is valued at nearly Rs. 11.50 lakhs.

(c) The Madras Government distributed pesticides to the tune of Rs. 31,000.00 at 50 per cent cost price and rushed sprayers and dusters to the affected areas. Material and technical assistance from the Government of India Central Plant Protection Station, located at Tiruchirapalli were also given. With all these control measures, the incidence of the pest was reduced to the minimum.

The red hairy caterpillar pest can successfully be controlled with insecticides, if the infestation is detected early. For ensuring adoption of control measures in time, the Agriculture Departments of Andhra Pradesh and Madras issue forecasts of the pest and disease outbreaks, including that of the red hairy caterpillar pest. The Madras Government is also proposing to set up a Plant Protection Unit in Madurai District so as to ensure the adoption of prompt pest control measures in future.

#### **Derailment near Manmad**

1612. { Shri Tangamani:  
Shri Sobiman Ghose:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether some bogies of the Bombay bound Calcutta Mail were

derailed on the 20th November, 1960 near Manmad;

(b) if so, damage caused to Railway property and injuries, if any, to the passengers;

(c) the cause of the accident; and

(d) nature of investigation and enquiry conducted?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy):** (a) Yes, at Pimperkhed station on the Bhusaval-Igatpuri Section of the Central Railway.

(b) Rupees three thousand approximately; no one was injured.

(c) and (d). The cause of the accident is under investigation by a Senior Scale Officers' Enquiry Committee.

#### **Hamdard Dawakhana, Delhi**

1613. { Dr. Gangadhara Siva:  
Shri Kodyan:  
Shri Abdul Latif:

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hamdard Dawakhana of Delhi is establishing an Institute of the history of medicine at Tughlaqabad 13 miles away from Delhi;

(b) whether any facilities have been given by Government to the Hamdard Waqf for the above institute; and

(c) how many Ayurvedic and Unani research and manufacturing institutes are there at present in India?

**The Minister of Health (Shri Kar-markar):** (a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) According to the report of the Committee to Assess and Evaluate the present status of Ayurvedic System of

Medicine published in 1959 and total number of Ayurvedic Research units and Pharmaceutical concerns were about 28 and 41 respectively. The information regarding Unani system is not available.

**Barsoi Station**

1614. { Shri Bholanath Biswas:  
Shri P. G. Sen:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the first class waiting room of Barsoi Junction has been improved and second class waiting room separated therefrom;

(b) if not, what steps are being taken to improve the same befitting a junction station; and

(b) the time required to undertake it?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) Upper class waiting room at Barsoi has been improved. The second class waiting room has not been separated.

(b) and (c). There is no justification for a separate second class waiting room at present. However, the position will be reviewed after the completion of the Broad Gauge line from Siliguri to Mukuria near Barsoi.

**Katihar Junction**

1615. { Shri Bholanath Biswas:  
Shri P. G. Sen:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Master Plan for Katihar Junction has been prepared;

(b) if so, when it is going to be implemented; and

(c) the time required for completion of the work?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Estimate for the work has been sanctioned.

(c) Expected to be completed within one year of the acceptance of the tender and receipt of materials. Tenders are due to be opened on 16th December, 1960.

**Medical Store Depot in Andhra Pradesh**

1616. Shri Anthony Pillai: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to open a Medical Store Depot in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): (a) Yes, at Hyderabad.

(b) The Depot is being set up to cater to the needs of Government and Local Government Hospitals and Dispensaries in Andhra Pradesh numbering about two thousand.

The proposal involves an annual capital outlay of nearly Rs. 20 lakhs subject to the recovery from the indentors of the cost of the stores supplied.

The depot, as other Medical Store Depots at Bombay/Madras/Calcutta/Karnal will be run as a departmental undertaking on commercial lines but on the principle of "No profit, no loss".