

White Tiger

772. Shri P. K. Deo: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken for the preservation and multiplication of the White Tiger in India;

(b) whether the Indian Board for Wild Life has made any recommendation to the Government of India in this regard; and

(c) if so, what decision has been taken thereon?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) The further export of white tigers from India has been completely banned as a first step towards their preservation. The Government of India is in correspondence with the Maharaja of Rewa for the acquisition of some of the stock for the Delhi Zoological Park for breeding purposes.

(b) and (c). The Indian Board for Wild Life considered that the action was satisfactory.

Kwashiorkor Syndrome Disease

773. { Shri Wodeyar:
Shri Agadi:

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of deaths in the country, State-wise, due to Kwashiorkor Syndrome disease in the year 1959-60;

(b) how many patients were treated for this disease during the above year, State-wise;

(c) whether any steps have been taken to prevent the spread of this disease to other areas; and

(d) with what results?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): (a) and (b). Information regarding the State-wise incidence of or mortality due to Kwashiorkor during 1959-60 is not available. However,

extensive survey carried out by the Nutrition Research Laboratories, Hyderabad, during 1956-58 covering four major States of south India, revealed that this syndrome occurs at a rate of one in every hundred children below five years, in rural areas. Analyses of records of major hospitals in these States indicated that Kwashiorkor constituted 5 to 16 per cent. of the paediatric in-patient admissions. The disease, however, is known to occur in several other States as well.

(c) The following measures have been taken to control the incidence of this disease:—

(i) A number of inexpensive, easily and locally available protein-rich food supplements have been evolved.

(ii) Measures have been taken with the UNICEF assistance to start two plants for the production of multi-purpose food. Two units of 10 ton capacity each per day for the production of edible groundnut flour are being set up by the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Department of Food) with the UNICEF assistance in collaboration with private industry.

(iii) Health Education is carried out by the State Nutrition Officers in their respective States. Pamphlets in English and regional languages have been printed for the purpose in different States.

(iv) Two publications on low cost menus for South and North India, wherein recipes with proper protein combinations are included, have been published.

(v) The Government, the F.A.O. and the UNICEF have mutually agreed to implement Expanded Nutrition Programmes in Andhra Pradesh, Orissa

and Uttar Pradesh for which allocations of \$ 217,000, \$ 165,000 and \$ 285,000 respectively have been made by the UNICEF for technical supplies, equipment, stipends, etc.

(vi) Skim milk powder and Vitamin supplements are being distributed to toddlers and children through Health Centres, Maternity Centres, Schools, etc. in the States.

(d) Consumer trials carried out with vegetable protein foods such as multipurpose food, a combination of 75 per cent. defatted groundnut flour and 25 per cent. Bengal gram flour fortified with vitamins and minerals, have shown that these combinations are not only effective in the treatment and management of the disease, but are also useful in preventing the development of the syndrome.

Thermal Efficiency on Railways

774. { Shri Agadi:
Shri Wodeyar:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state what is the thermal efficiency i.e., the percentage of the heat converted into mechanical energy of the locomotives and power houses of Indian Railways?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): The thermal efficiency of the locomotives and the power houses is as follows:

1. New I.R.S. Locomotives—6.4 per cent.
2. Older type Locomotives average—5 per cent.
3. Diesel Locomotive—22 per cent.
4. Electric Locomotive using thermal power—14 per cent.
5. Electric Power Houses with:
 - (i) Steam turbines—15.5 per cent.
 - (ii) Reciprocating steam engines—5.1 per cent.

R.M.S. and Post Offices Inspectors

775. **Shri Ram Garib:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that All India seniority lists of Inspectors of the R.M.S. and Post Offices eligible for selection to Postal Supdt. Service Class II are being drawn up every year on the basis of their confirmation as Inspector and selection made on the basis of such list;

(b) whether any persons selected as Inspectors in 1947 ranked Junior in the seniority list to their colleagues selected as Inspectors even four years late in 1951 resulting in the senior Inspectors being left unselected while Junior ones got selected as Supdt. in the past three years; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to remove this anomaly resulting in injustice to senior people?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Dr. P. Subbarayan):

(a) The cadre of Inspectors of Post Offices and Inspectors of R.M.S. is a circle cadre and as such there is no all-India seniority list of this cadre. However, for purposes of selection of officials for promotion to Postal Supdts. Service, Class II, the names of Inspectors of Post Offices and Inspectors of R.M.S. have been arranged during the last few years in accordance with the date of confirmation of the officials in the Inspector's cadre.

(b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

(c) The case is under consideration.

Rabi Campaign

776. **Shri Inder J. Malhotra:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) what were the special features of the "Rabi Campaign" launched this year; and