

get information as to who are the agricultural scientists in that country who have been recognised by the country as a whole who have been given such awards?

SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE: As the hon. Member pointed out Dr. Swaminathan has been awarded one of the very distinguished awards from our Government of India scheme. A Member of the Rajya Sabha, Dr. Ramiiah who is one of our colleagues, has been given the award. There are a number of other scientists who have been given the award. Every year we do get suggestions from the scientific institutions. I do appreciate the hon. Member's anxiety and I may inform that we are trying to recognise and we give the necessary distinction in the public life, and it would be our endeavour to do it.

श्री लालजी भाई : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैंने पूछा है कि क्या सरकार बढ़ते हुए रेगिस्तान को रोकने के लिए कोई कार्य करा रही है। अगर सरकार कोई कार्य नहीं करा रही है तो मंत्री महोदय को बताना चाहिए। मुझे उन के उत्तर से तसल्ली नहीं हुई है।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : यह इस में से नहीं उठता है।

डा० लक्ष्मीनारायण पांडेय : मंत्री महोदय ने बताया है कि चार विद्यार्थियों को कृषि अनुसंधान के लिए जवाहरलाल नेहरू पुरस्कार प्रदान किये गये हैं। मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि उन चार विद्यार्थियों ने किन किन विषयों में कृषि अनुसंधान किया है।

SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE: I can indicate those subjects: Genetics and Plant breeding Dr. Hukum Chand Bansal; Agronomy, Dr. Biswanath

Mittra; Plant Bacteriology, Dr. Y. P. Rao; Agricultural Engineering, Dr. Pyara Mohan Singh.

डा० लक्ष्मीनारायण पांडेय : मैंने यह पूछा है कि उन्होंने क्या विशेष अनुसंधान कार्य किया है, जिसके लिए उन्हें पुरस्कार दिया गया है। इन सबजेक्ट्स में तो उन्हें डिग्री मिली है। उन्होंने क्या अनुसंधान कार्य किया है?

SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE: I mentioned for awards not for Ph. d.

Absorption of employees of Chowgule Steamships Limited by Moghul Lines

*412. **PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE** Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the employees of the Chowgule Steamship Limited connected with the Konkan Steamer Service have been absorbed by the 'Moghul Lines' after the take-over of the service; and

(b) if so, what is the number of such employees and whether they will be given all the benefits of continued service?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI KAMLAPATI TRIPATHI): (a) and (b). 37 Floating Staff Officers and Petty Officers, and 57 Shore Staff formerly employed by M/s. Chowgule Steamships Ltd., have been re-employed by M/s. Moghul Line Ltd., on the taking over of the Konkan Passenger Service. M/s. Chowgule Steamships Ltd., have agreed that the Employees Provident Fund Contributions as well as the amount of gratuity (on termination of their employment with M/s. Chowgule Steamships Ltd.,) would be deposited with the Moghul Line Limited for payment to these employees on their retirement from M/s. Moghul Line Limited in due course.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: In the first part of his reply, the hon. Minister has said that 37 floating staff officers and 57 shore staff formerly employed by Messrs. Chowgule Steam-

ships Limited will now be re-employed by Messrs. Mogul Lines Ltd., I would specifically like to know from him the number of floating staff including petty officers and shore staff formerly employed by them that is, before the take-over and from among them, how many are still left without employment.

श्री कमलापति त्रिपाठी : कोंकण पैसेन्जर सर्विम में यही अफसर काम करते थे । जिन्हें लिया गया है सब कोंकण पैसेन्जर सर्विम से कनेक्टेड थे, उन सबको मुगल लाइन्स में ले लिया गया है, कोई बाकी नहीं बचा ।

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: In the second part of his reply, he has said that the provident funds contributions as well as the gratuity of the former employees of Messrs. Chowgule Steamships Ltd., would be deposited with the Mogul Lines Ltd., for payment to these employees on their retirement from Messrs. Mogul Lines Limited in due course. This assurance is welcome. But in addition to this, since the question refers to all the benefits of continued service. I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether the facilities like increments and promotions will be awarded to all these employees taken over by the Mogul Lines Limited, treating their service as continued service.

श्री कमलापति त्रिपाठी : मैं जहां तक समझता हूँ जो टर्म आफ ऐपीइन्टमेंट था और जो कन्डीशन्स थी फ़ौरदेयर ऐम्प्लायमेंट चौगुले के साथ, वे सब मंजूर कर ली हैं मुगल लाइन्स ने ।

It is all accepted by the Mogul Lines Ltd.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: I have specifically asked about increments and promotions. I take it that they will also be accepted.

SHRI KAMLAPATI TRIPATHI : I think so.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: There is no question of thinking. I would like to know exactly what the position is.

श्री कमलापति त्रिपाठी : जब वह ले लिये गये ऐम्प्लायमेंट में तो उनको सब सुविधायें मिलेंगी ऐसा मैं समझता हूँ ।

SHRI S. B. GIRI: May I know whether the people who have been taken over by the Mogul Lines Limited will continue to get the service benefit from the date of appointment in their private company and also whether they are entitled to bonus and whether the benefit of bonus will also be given to them?

SHRI KAMLAPATI TRIPATHI: They will be getting all the benefits of their continued service.

MR. SPEAKER: His question was very specific about bonus.

SHRI KAMLAPATI TRIPATHI: I think including bonus, they will be getting it. That is how the arrangement has been made.

मुगल लाइन्स के साथ जो अर्रेंजमेंट हुआ, जितनी भी उनकी सुविधायें रही हैं चौगुले के साथ वह सब उनको मिलेंगी ।

SHRI S. L. PEJE: The hon. Minister has just now stated that the staff formerly employed by Messrs. Chowgule Steamships Limited have now been re-employed by Messrs. Mogul Lines Limited. Am I to understand that before their re-employment there was break in service and if so, may I know whether that break in service has been condoned by Government?

SHRI KAMLAPATI TRIPATHI: I have no information that there was any break in service. I think the service continues.