

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). There was delay in getting firm timely replies from some of the invited countries, expected to participate, and some countries were unable to participate. Government, therefore, decided to cancel the Games.

चावल

*१३३४. श्री जांगड़े : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि वर्ष १९५६ और १९५७ में बर्मा से आयात किया गया चावल पूर्वी मध्य प्रदेश को दिया गया था और इस प्रदेश में पैदा किये गये चावल का निर्यात किया गया था; और

(ख) इस बर्मी चावल को खरीदने के लिये स्थानीय क्षेत्रों में लोगों को क्या मूल्य देना पड़ता था ?

खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री (श्री अ० प्र० जैन) : (क) जी हाँ, बर्मा का कुछ चावल मध्य प्रदेश सरकार को, सस्ते अनाज की दुकानों द्वारा वितरण करने के लिये, दिया गया था। मध्य प्रदेश से चावल के निर्यात पर प्रतिबन्ध नहीं था, अतः व्यापारी लोग वहाँ पैदा किये गये चावल के कुछ स्टॉक को दूसरे राज्यों में ले गये।

(ख) १९५६ में १६ रुपये ६ आने ६ पाई प्रति मन और १९५७ में १६ रुपये ८ आने।

Lady Health Visitors

*1335. { Shri Subodh Hasda:
Shri S. C. Samanta:

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India have approved any training schools for lady health visitors during 1957-58;

(b) if so, their number and location; and

(c) the amount of assistance to those training schools from the Central Government?

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

(b) The Government of India have approved the opening of 4 new Schools at Allahabad, Bareilly, Ranchi, and Trivandrum during 1957-58.

(c) The amount of Central assistance admissible to each training School is the entire non-recurring expenditure towards additions and alterations to the buildings and purchase of equipment upto a ceiling of Rs. 70,000 and half the total recurring expenditure upto a total of Rs. 1,22,100 spread over a period of five years.

Castor Oil Seeds

*1336. Shri Bali Reddy: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of production of Indian castor oil seed compared to that of the world production; and

(b) whether Government would consider to encourage growing of castor seed in view of its important commercial and industrial uses?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) During the Quinquennium 1951-56, the average annual production of Castor seed in India was 26.77 per cent. of the total world (excluding Soviet Union, Eastern Europe and China) production.

(b) Yes. Steps have already been taken to increase the production of castor seed in India.

Coastal Trade

*1337. { Shri B. C. Mullick:
Shri Surendranath Dwivedy:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) what is the tonnage of coastal trade in India at present; and