

Medical College for Rajasthan

*672. **Shri M. D. Mathur:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government of India have agreed to allot one Medical College to Rajasthan in view of the State Government's request?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): The matter is under consideration

Coconuts

*673. **Shri B. S. Murthy:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state

(a) the steps taken so far to improve the Copra content of Coconuts; and

(b) the areas chosen for such experiments and the help rendered to the ryots in this respect?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) and (b) The effect of major nutrients N, P and K (Nitrogen, Phosphorus and Potash) on yield and Copra content of nuts is being studied at the Central Coconut Research Station, Kasaragod, since 1953. The results so far available indicate that Potash has a beneficial effect on the Copra content of nuts. As the experiments are still in progress, no firm conclusions have been reached which could be passed on to the ryots.

It has also been found that fully mature nuts (12 months old) yield maximum Copra. This finding has been given publicity by the Indian Central Coconut Committee.

Railwaymen's Diary

*674. **Shri V. Raja:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that a sum of nearly Rs 1 lakh has been spent or is proposed to be spent for printing and distribution of a Diary for railwaymen, and

(b) if so, what fruitful result is sought to be achieved?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahanswar Khan): (a) A sum of Rs 90,000 has been sanctioned for the production of a Diary for Railwaymen, containing also material relating to the Railway Second Five Year Plan.

(b) The object of the Diary is to make the average individual railwayman conscious of his responsibilities and duties and to enthruse him to play his full part in the successful execution of Second Five Year Plan.

Red Rain in Kerala

*675. **Shri Ramakrishna Reddy:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state

(a) whether Government are aware about the red coloured rainfall in Wynaad (Ambalavayil area) region of Malabar on Monday, the 15th July, 1957 and the colour subsequently turned yellow, and

(b) whether a sample of water will be got examined by Government to enable the public to know the causes of the red colour in the rain?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) A report to this effect has been made to the State Government by the local District authorities.

(b) A sample of the water is reported to have been collected by the District Authorities and sent to the Public Health Laboratory at Trivandrum for analysis. We have asked for a copy of the report but this has not yet been received in spite of a telegraphic reminder.

Community Development Schemes

*676. { **Shri Tangamani;**
Shri B. S. Murthy:

Will the Minister of Community Development be pleased to state:

(a) whether the entire amount allocated to States during 1956-57 by