

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). The question of recognition of the Civil Aviation Department Employees Union as a service Association is under consideration.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Next question. No. 387.

Shri Gopala Rao rose—

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Hon. Members must be quick in putting supplementaries.

Shri Gopala Rao: The second part of the question has not been answered? What about the answer to (b)?

Shri Raj Bahadur: Both (a) and (b) I have answered. I will read it out again:

"The question of recognition of the Civil Aviation Department Employees Union as a service Association is under consideration."

Shri Gopala Rao: How long will it take to come to conclusions?

Shri Raj Bahadur: It is difficult to give a particular specific date.

Shri V. P. Nayar: How long has it been under consideration so far?

Shri Gopala Rao: Are the Government aware....

Shri Raj Bahadur: Which question shall I answer?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Order, order. The matter has been brought to the notice of Government. It is under consideration. Let us proceed to the next question.

MONSOON FORECASTS

*387. **Shri Heda:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state what steps Government propose to take to convey their monsoon forecasts to the peasantry?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): Weather forecasts are broadcast daily in the local languages from 22 stations of the All India Radio in their rural programme for the benefit of the peasantry and also published in the press. Farmers' weather bulletins are also sent by telegram to any person on payment of a monthly subscription.

Shri Heda: Can Government give us any idea about the number of farmers who are getting these bulletins?

Shri Raj Bahadur: It is difficult to give any idea of the number of farmers who are taking advantage of these bulletins.

Shri K. K. Basu: How many times the forecasts have been belied by subsequent occurrence?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: That is in the nature of a forecast?

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: What is the monthly charge of these bulletins?

Shri Raj Bahadur: Rs. 12 per month for any person on demand. It is the daily weather forecast—farmers' weather bulletin, and is sent by telegram.

Shri Badshah Gupta: In how many languages are these bulletins printed?

Shri Raj Bahadur: I am sorry it is not possible for me to name all these definitely just now. There are about 17 different local languages in which these are issued.

Shri Heda: What is the total number of subscribers to these bulletins?

Shri Raj Bahadur: It is not possible to answer.

ANIMAL FOOD HYGIENE (EXPERT)

*388. **Dr. Rama Rao:** (a) Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state whether an expert in Animal-food Hygiene is shortly expected to arrive in India?

(b) If so, who is he and what is the purpose of his visit?

(c) Which is the agency under the auspices of which he is coming to India?

(d) Will the Government of India incur any expenditure on his account and if so, to what extent?

The Deputy Minister of Health (Shrimati Chandrasekhar): (a) Yes. Dr. Horace Thornton, an expert in Animal-food Hygiene arrived in India on the 17th January, 1953.

(b) Dr. Thornton is Chief Veterinary Officer for the City and County of Newcastle-on-Tyne, England, and is the author of two text-books on the inspection of food. While on a previous assignment for the World Health Organisation and the Food and Agriculture Organisation in 1951 and 1952, he visited 22 different countries in Europe, the Middle East and the Americas. The objects of his visit are:—

(1) to advise and assist the Govern-