

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-

ment in the administration of legislation concerning the inspection of foods of animal origin and food-market practices;

(2) to assist the Government in the introduction of modern and scientific slaughter-house practices, ante-mortem procedures, post-mortem inspection technique and procedures of utilising edible and non-edible by-products; and

(3) to demonstrate the importance of primary infection (in animals) and secondary contamination (by man) of food products causing food-borne diseases in men and the application of sanitary principles in connection with the construction and operation of slaughter-houses.

(c) He has come to India through the agency of the World Health Organisation.

(d) The Government of India will incur a small expenditure not exceeding Rs. 200 on his air journey from Patna to Calcutta and from Calcutta to Nagpur.

Shri V. P. Nayar: May I know, Sir, whether the incidence of food-borne diseases and deaths due to them is on the increase so as to warrant this expert being asked to come and work here?

Shrimati Chandrasekhar: I do not think that question arises out of this, Sir.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: It is only about food.

Shri V. P. Nayar: My question was: whether the incidence of food-borne diseases and deaths due to food-borne diseases is on the increase so as to warrant this expert being asked to come and work here?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): Every Expert adviser is.....

مستقر آف ایجوکیشن اینڈ
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 (مولانا آزاد): ایکسپرت کے متعلق
 سوال کیا گیا تھا۔ اس سوال کا اس سے
 کوئی تعلق نہیں۔

[The Minister of Education and Natural Resources and Scientific Research (Maulana Azad): This question has no connection with the question about the expert.]

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Is it the contention of the hon. Member that until the animals die.....

Shri V. P. Nayar: That is not my question. Sir. My question is—what is the precise object of getting this expert now?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): The objects have been stated quite clearly in the reply. It is good to have expert advice in every matter when we can get it.

Shri V. P. Nayar: Does the Government think that the incidence of diseases is on the increase in such a way that Indian experts cannot handle the situation?

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur: There are no statistics as to whether the incidence is on the increase. But we are very glad to have knowledge on this particular subject.

Shri B. S. Murthy: May I know, Sir, whether any Indian experts are associated with the work of this expert, and if so, what are their names?

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur: No, Sir. There are no Indian experts associated with him. He has come out to give expert advice for our advantage.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: With respect to experts who come from foreign countries in regard to various matters, the Government for the time being wants to improve the manner in which things are happening. There is no good quarrelling with them for doing things unless it involves very heavy expenditure in which case some suggestions may be made and some questions may be put. But I am not prepared to allow questions like, 'Why that expert has been called here' etc. They have come here to give us advice. Hon. Members must be chary about putting questions about those persons who have come here from foreign countries. The other day also a similar thing happened. These experts are not here to make representations and we ought not to attack them. Many such questions are put which ought not to be allowed. It ought to be left to the Government for the time being to arrive at a decision. No more of such questions will be allowed.

Shri K. K. Basu: May we know the qualifications of the expert?

Shri V. P. Nayar rose—

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Order, order. This is mere mud-slinging. Many people come from foreign countries and the Government must be allowed to decide whether in a matter it ought to be done or not. We are here to control expenditure and efficiency of the administration. I will allow questions on that. But if it is a question

of attacking every expert who comes here, it will not be right. The experts are not here to explain themselves.

Shri K. K. Basu: We only want to...

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: I have understood what it is. They are absolutely ill-conceived. No more questions.

Shri V. P. Nayar: On a point of information, Sir.

Several Hon. Members: No, no.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: I have sufficiently heard the Member. I have also followed the nature of the questions put on this side. I have come to the conclusion that questions like this with respect to these gentlemen who are coming from foreign countries have got a very deleterious effect. It is not right.

Shri V. P. Nayar rose—

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Order, order. I will not allow any more questions on the floor of the House on this matter.

Shri Gopala Rao: Sir, is it Government's policy...

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Order, order. It is not Government's policy.

Shri S. C. Samanta: On a point of privilege, Sir. It is an august House and many a time we stand up and without asking your permission we go on speaking. I ask your protection in the matter.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Certainly I shall take care of the privileges of the House. Next question.

PRICE OF SUGAR

***389. Pandit Munishwar Datt Upadhyay:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state what are the reasons of rise in price of sugar when surplus stock of sugar is lying in the factories?

(b) Is it a fact that some dealers are attempting to hoard the commodity?

(c) What was the surplus stock last year and what is the stock at present?

(d) What is the estimated production of sugar during the current year and what is the country's demand?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) The reasons of rise in the price of sugar are:—

(1) restricted purchases by the trade during the months of October

and November 1952 in expectation of reduction in price of controlled sugar and consequent depletion of stocks with dealers;

(2) expectation of short production of both gur and sugar during the current season;

(3) likelihood of increased demand for sugar on account of decrease in production of khandsari and high prices of gur;

(4) wagon difficulties for movement to South;

(5) enquiries for export of sugar from abroad, and

(6) international situation.

(b) Some well-known dealers are reported to have made substantial purchases of sugar but it is difficult to say how far such purchases were meant for hoarding.

(c) The surplus stock of sugar on the 1st November 1952 was about 5.04 lakh tons. The stock on 7th February, 1953 was 7.56 lakh tons.

(d) The production of sugar during the current season is anticipated to be about 12 lakh tons and the country's demand between 13 and 14 lakh tons.

Pandit Munishwar Datt Upadhyay: May I know, Sir, what is the total acreage under sugar-cane cultivation this year and what was the acreage last year?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I have not got the figures here, Sir. Especially for this year the figures have not yet arrived.

Pandit Munishwar Datt Upadhyay: May I know, Sir, the highest point to which the price of sugar could go last year?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: Last year it was supposed not to go beyond Rs. 34-12.

VISIT OF FOREIGN EXPERTS IN MEDICINE

***390. Dr. Rama Rao:** (a) Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state whether a team of foreign experts in Medicine is visiting India?

(b) Who are they and through which agency are they coming?

(c) What are their qualifications?

(d) What is the expenditure incurred by the Government of India on their account?

(e) What is the purpose of their visit?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): (a) Yes.