

as the central co-ordinating and regulating authority of the country on all matters relating to wireless communications.

(c) A statement is placed on the table. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 17.]

Shri Nageshwar Prasad Sinha: May I know when the work was started?

Shri Raj Bahadur: On 1st July 1952, the organisation came into being.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Next question.

Some Hon. Members rose—

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Hon. Members must get up quickly. Next question.

EIGHTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR HOSPITALS

*540. **Shri Krishnacharya Joshi:** (a) Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state whether the Eighth International Conference for Hospitals was held at London?

(b) If so, what are the important Resolutions adopted at the Conference?

The Deputy Minister of Health (Shrimati Chandrasekhar): (a) Yes, in May, 1953.

(b) The International Hospital Federation does not adopt any resolutions at the International Hospital Congress. The main theme for study at this Congress was "Preventive Medicine as a major function of the hospital and its implications".

Shri Krishnacharya Joshi: May I know what were the subjects discussed in the conference?

Shrimati Chandrasekhar: There was only one subject discussed. It was studied in the plenary session by sectional groups from the following four points of view—one was planning and construction; second, administration; third, medical and clinical care and, fourth, social welfare services.

Shri Krishnacharya Joshi: May I know since when is India a member of this international conference?

Shrimati Chandrasekhar: India is a member since 1951.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether the world statistics collected by the World Health Organization as regards the prevalence of cholera in the world has been discussed in this international conference?

Shrimati Chandrasekhar: I said clearly that the central theme for study at this Congress was preventive medicine as a major function of the hospital and its implications. About this WHO, if the hon. Members would put a separate question, I shall answer.

Shri Muniswamy: May I know who represented India at this conference?

Shrimati Chandrasekhar: Col. Parischa, Medical Adviser to the High Commissioner in London represented the Government of India.

Shri B. S. Murthy: What recommendations have been made by the conference? •

Shrimati Chandrasekhar: A complete report is still awaited.

RAILWAY USERS' CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES

*541. **Shri Nageshwar Prasad Sinha:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether the National, Zonal, Regional or Divisional Users' Consultative Committees, as envisaged in the Minister's budget speech, have been formed?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): Yes, Sir.

Shrimati A. Kale: May I know whether these Committees are to be nominated or elected?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: Mainly nominated.

Shrimati A. Kale: What would be the position of the MPs vis-a-vis this committee?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: Purely consultative.

Shri A. N. Vidyalkar: May I know in what respects these committees are different from the Railway Advisory Committee?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: The functions of these committees.....

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: The hon. Member will kindly look at me.

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: I am sorry. The functions of these new committees are very much the same as the functions of the old Advisory Committees, with the difference that, with the co-operation of the Railway Department and these committees, we want to make them more effective to provide efficient service.

Shrimati A. Kale: May I know whether MPs are debarred from being nominated?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: No. They are very much represented in these committees.

Shri Dabhi: How many members of this House are appointed to each of these committees?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: On the National Advisory Committee, the idea is to have about 18 Members of Parliament. There are a certain number of Members of Parliament in each one of the Zonal Committees.

Shri Raghuramaiah: The Minister has stated that the functions of this Committee are very much the same as the previous Advisory Committee and they propose to make it effective. May I know whether the change in nomenclature is the only thing which will make it more effective or is there anything else which will ensure that it will be more effective in fact?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: He is entering into a discussion.

Shri Raghuramaiah: I want to know what is it that is proposed to be more effective? I will simplify my question.

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): The hon. Member may wait and see how effective it is.

Shri S. N. Das: May I know the important subjects on which the National Consultative Committee has been consulted?

Shri Alagesan: The Committee has not yet met after its first meeting in September.

Shri L. N. Mishra: May I know, Sir, the names of members of the National Consultative Committee?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: It is rather a lengthy statement, which will be placed on the Table of the House.

Shri Heda: Do Government think that the Committee would be more effective by not holding its meeting so far?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: The question need not be answered.

Shri Sarangadhar Das: May I know when these Committees were constituted?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): The regional committees were constituted two months back. Both the zonal committee and the regional committee have already met. The National committee will meet sometime in September.

Shri Punnoose: May I know, Sir, whether representation is given to all parties on these Zonal Committees or is it a monopoly of the Congress Party?

Shri Alagesan: All the parties are represented on these committees.

श्री एम० एल० द्विवेदी : मैं मंत्री महोदय से यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि पहले जो सलाहकार समितियाँ थीं, क्या वे इतनी असरदार नहीं थीं कि उन को खत्म कर के ये नयी समितियाँ बनाई गईं और अब जो बनाई गयी हैं उन के अन्दर कौन से स्वरान हैं ?

श्री एल० बी० शास्त्री : जैसा अभी बतलाया गया इन कमेटियों के बनाने में यह इरादा है कि इन से ज्यादा काम लिया जा सके। फर्क पुरानी और इन कमेटियों में यह है कि पहले उन पर पार्लियामेंट के मँम्बर थे अब उन पर दूसरे लोगों को भी रिप्रिजेंटेशन दिया गया है। एक अरसे से यह मांग थी कि और लोगों को भी मौका दिया जाय, इन कमेटियों पर आने का और इसलिये और लोग भी इन में अब शामिल किये गये हैं। उम्मीद यह है कि सब के सलाह मशविरों से अब इन कमेटियों का काम पहले से ज्यादा फायदेमन्द होगा।

Shri Punnoose: May I know the members of the Southern Railway Zonal Committee?

Shri Alagesan: There are three Members of Parliament. They are Shri P. Natesan, Shri A. M. Thomas and Shri Govindarajan of the Council of States.

बाबू रामनारायण सिंह : इस कमेटी की पूरी संख्या क्या है और दूसरे दल के कितने लोग हैं और कौन कौन हैं ?

मिस्टर डिप्टी-स्पीकर : कौन सी कमेटी ?

बाबू रामनारायण सिंह : वही कमेटी, वही रेलवे कमेटी जो बनी है और जिस के बारे में बातचीत हो रही है।

श्री शाहनवाज खाँ : आनरेबिल मँम्बर का मतलब नैशनल कन्सल्टेटिव कमेटी से है तो इस के मँम्बरों की एक लम्बी फँहरिस्त है जो कि टेबुल पर रखी जायगी।

Shri V. P. Nayar: The hon. Minister in answer to an earlier supplementary question stated that all parties are represented. Is it not a fact that the three Members mentioned by him belong to the Congress Party and hence other parties are not represented?

Shri Alagesan: The full list of names will be placed on the table of

the House. The hon. Member can find for himself whether they belong to all the parties.

Shri Muniswamy: May I know on what considerations the selection of these Members was made for these Committees?

Shri Alagesan: These are nominated by the Minister.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: It is invidious to state it on the floor of this House.

PRODUCTION OF *Gur*

*542. **Shri K. P. Sinha:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the total quantity of *gur* produced during the year 1952-53 (State-wise)?

(b) How does it compare with that of the last year?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa): (a) and (b). The final figures for *gur* production during 1952-53 are not yet available, but it is estimated to be about 15 per cent. less than that in 1951-52.

Shri K. P. Sinha: May I know how far the payment of price has effected *gur* production?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): One has nothing to do with the other.

लाला अब्दुल्ला राम: क्या माननीय मंत्री जी बतलावेंगे कि गांव में बढ़ती हुई बेकारी का ख्याल करते हुए गवर्नमेंट क्या कदम उठा रही है कि ज्यादा लोग गुड़ बनाने के काम में लग सकें ?

श्री किडवाई : जब ज्यादा लोग गन्ना बोना शुरू करेंगे तो जाहिर है कि ज्यादा गुड़ बनावेंगे।

लाला अब्दुल्ला राम : मेरी गुंजारिश यह है कि क्या गवर्नमेंट ऐसे कदम उठा रही है कि जो लोग गुड़ बना रहे हैं उन को आसानी मिले, जैसे पैन सस्ते दामों में मिल