

not reach police headquarters till 16th as the wireless set at the border was out of order and the nearest telegraph office to the border is at a distance of 80 miles?

**Dr. Katju:** The facts stated are correct and that is why the Chief Commissioner is taking all necessary steps to remove all such defects.

**Shri Bhawanji:** Is it a fact that the village of Tumbdi is situated at a distance of 120 miles from the Western Pakistan border?

**Dr. Katju:** I suppose geographically it is so.

**Shri Bhawanji:** Is it a fact that the dacoits in the Tumbdi raid remained in Kutch for about a week?

**Dr. Katju:** I cannot tell you that. My hon. friend knows much more than I know.

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** He has already got the information.

**Shri Bhawanji:** Is it a fact that the dacoits entered the village of Tumbdi at about 5 in the evening on the 17th of November and stayed in that village till midnight?

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** These are all details.

**Shri Bhawanji:** What I am trying to show is that the police did not reach there till the next morning.

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** The information can be conveyed to the Minister.

**Shri Gadgil:** May I know, in view of what has happened, whether Government will consider the desirability of giving adequate arms to the villagers, and the desirability of constituting a special mobile column of the police?

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** It is a suggestion.

**Shri G. P. Sinha:** Is there any proposal to arm local border people in view of the fact that there are regular dacoities?

**Dr. Katju:** Not so far as I know but that proposal will be considered. There is a local police and there is a detachment of the Central Police Reserve and if necessary, police force will be strengthened and all measures taken to enable the villagers to defend themselves and to stop these dacoities. When you get these border incidents, this sometimes happens.

**Shri Jasani:** May I know when the police reached Tumbdi after the incident?

**Dr. Katju:** I have not got the exact information. They may have reached there the next day.

**Shri Jasani:** In the case of the first dacoity, in Ratadia, at what time did the police reach the place after the incident?

**Dr. Katju:** The next day.

**Shri Bhawanji:** Is it a fact that one Police Sub-Inspector who tried to capture dacoits from Sindh was killed about 8 months ago and no reward as is permissible under the Service Rules has been sanctioned so far and is it a fact that the local people and the police force in Kutch collected about Rs. 5000 and paid it to the family of this late Sub-Inspector?

**Dr. Katju:** I would like to have notice.

**Dr. S. P. Mookerjee:** Will the hon. Minister say what the strength of the border police is? It is not clear.

**Dr. Katju:** I cannot give the number.

**Dr. S. P. Mookerjee:** What is the population in that area, between the border and the police station?

**Dr. Katju:** Notice.

**Shri G. P. Sinha:** Is there a comparative relaxation of the Arms Act...

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** I am proceeding to the next question.

#### SUPPLY OF BAD QUALITY OF FOODGRAINS AT DELHI RATION SHOPS

**Shri A. N. Vidyalkar:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the wheat that was some time ago withdrawn by the authorities from the Delhi Ration Shops, has recently been dumped again at the Ration Shops, and some parts of the city are receiving bad quality of foodgrains?

(b) Is it a fact that of 40,000 tons of such damaged foreign imported wheat, nearly 30,000 tons have already been consumed by the Delhi public, and about 10,000 tons still remains, and is being issued at the shops?

(c) Have Government received protests from the public?

(d) What action do Government propose to take in the matter?

**The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa):** (a) No. Sir.

(b) to (d). Imported wheat is being issued to the Delhi public in the ration

and all necessary steps are taken to ensure that the wheat is of fair average quality and fit for human consumption. A few complaints were received in regard to the quality of wheat and they were attended to immediately and necessary steps taken to remove the causes therefor.

**Shri A. N. Vidyalankar:** May I know whether it is a fact that Delhi receives a larger proportion of foreign imported wheat as compared with its size and population?

**Shri M. V. Krishnappa:** No: not the largest proportion of imported wheat. All other States also receive and Delhi also receives. In any case, we are not dumping imported wheat on Delhi alone which may not be in proportion as compared with other States.

**Shri Dabhi:** May I know whether the imported red wheat causes disturbance in the stomach?

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** The Food Minister is not expected to be a doctor.

#### WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

##### TYRE'S TABLET MACHINE

\*1284. **Shri U. M. Trivedi:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Tyre's tablet machines in use on the B.B. and C.I. Railway Section of the Western Railway and since how long;

(b) whether a different type of tablet machine was ordered for the Kandla-Deesa Railway and if so, why;

(c) whether the order of such new type for a larger number of machines was required for Kandla-Deesa Railway; and

(d) whether the whole order has been supplied, and if not, why not?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) 730 Tyre's Tablet machines of type No. 7 have been in use on the B.B. and C.I. Railway Section of the Western Railway for about 45 years.

(b) No. But the Western Railway agreed to take a new model No. 11, Tyre's Tablet Block instruments in place of No. 7 as the latter were no longer in production and would have cost much more if they were to be specially manufactured.

(c) No; the number ordered for requirements, however, had to include provision for maintenance spares.

(d) The whole order for the newly opened Kandla-Deesa Section has been supplied.

##### TUBERCULOSIS

\*1286. **Sardar A. S. Saigal:** (a) Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state whether Government have any definite programme to eradicate tuberculosis in Madhya Pradesh?

(b) What amount of grants Government give to the Madhya Pradesh State to eradicate tuberculosis completely?

(c) What is the result achieved so far?

(d) Is there any definite programme of each State Government to eradicate completely tuberculosis?

(e) Do Government propose to send more doctors abroad to study new scientific methods for the treatment of tuberculosis?

**The Deputy Minister of Health (Shrimati Chandrasekhar):** (a) The control and ultimate eradication of tuberculosis is mainly the responsibility of State Governments. A statement showing the tuberculosis schemes of the Madhya Pradesh Government is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VIII, annexure No. 1.]

(b) to (d). No grant is given by the Government of India to the Madhya Pradesh State for the eradication of tuberculosis. The desideratum of complete eradication of this disease has not been achieved even in the more advanced countries, which have much better resources in money and trained personnel. All that can be and is being attempted is to reduce the incidence of the disease to the minimum possible. Both the Central and State Governments are doing what is possible in the matter with available resources.

(e) As far as possible, available facilities in India are being utilised for training doctors in the scientific methods for the treatment of tuberculosis. Among other institutions the three Anti-T.B. Demonstration and Training Centres in New Delhi, Patna and Trivandrum, established with the assistance of the World Health Organisation and United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund, impart training in modern methods of T.B. control. Two more such Centres are proposed to be established in Calcutta and Madras. A few specialists are also sent to