

31-12-45 which was reserved for them are given the benefit of 'war service' for the purpose of fixation of pay as well as of seniority. Others recruited against unreserved vacancies are given the benefit of their war/military service for the purpose of fixation of pay only.

(b) Rs. 61.

(c) 20. Their cases are still under the consideration of the Railway Administration.

Willingdon Hospital

1670. **Shri Ram Garib:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) how many cases for throat operation are lying pending in the Willingdon Hospital since November, 1960;

(b) what are the reasons for delay in calling the patients for operation; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to expedite these cases?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): (a) 181.

(b) There are only 9 E.N.T. beds (6 male and 3 female) in the Willingdon Hospital, New Delhi, and operations are conducted twice a week. Since the above beds are also meant for patients who require operation on ear and nose, some delay in the case of throat operations is unavoidable.

(c) Every possible effort is being made to expedite the work in the E.N.T. Department. As soon as more beds are available in E. N. T. Department, difficulties will be lessened.

Suratgarh Farm

1671. **Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the expenses and economic value of food and other products in Suratgarh Farm have been assessed

by taking into consideration the intake by the Farm and its out-put; and

(b) if so, what is the production value of each food and agricultural product?

The Deputy Minister of Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa): (a) and (b). The most of production and value of each crop grown at the Suratgarh Farm during the year 1958-59 have been worked out and a statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 26]. Similar figures for the year 1959-60 are not yet ready. Such figures for the years 1956-57 and 1957-58 were not worked out as the necessary data for the purpose was not collected. However, the full potentialities of the farm have not yet been realised as most of the cultivated area is receiving only non-perennial supplies. The perennial irrigation is likely to be received by the farm during 1962 from the Bhakra irrigation system.

Purna Project

1673. **Shri Pangarkar:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the technical sanction for the Purna Project in Maharashtra has not yet been given by the Central Water and Power Commission;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that construction work of Purna is suspended on that account?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathl): (a) The Central Water and Power Commission have just completed the technical examination of this project. This will be put up before the Technical Advisory Committee on Irrigation, Power & Flood Control Projects for consideration.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

Medium Irrigation Projects

1674. Shri Pangarkar: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Maharashtra Government have asked for foreign exchange of about forty-two lakh rupees for the medium irrigation projects;

(b) if so, the decision taken thereon; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that several medium irrigation projects are pending for want of foreign exchange?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) Yes, a request has been received from the Government of Maharashtra for foreign exchange to the extent of Rs. 44.16 lakhs for the import of earthmoving machinery for certain medium irrigation projects in the Marathwada Region.

(b) The matter is under consideration. There is a possibility of some of the requirements being met by Ordnance Factories, in which case foreign exchange will be required only for the remaining items.

(c) Yes, it is fact that several projects, not only in Maharashtra, but in other States as well would not be taken up for want of foreign exchange, although every effort is constantly being made to find the foreign exchange necessary for the import of essential items.

• Leprosy

1675. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that three Japanese Leprosy experts visited India recently to help combat leprosy under

Japan's technical co-operation with India under the Colombo Plan;

(b) if so, their recommendations; and

(c) whether any scheme has been finalised in regard thereto?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): (a) On the request of the Government of India the Government of Japan have agreed to depute a team of experts. They have not yet arrived in India.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

कमलाही (हिमाचल प्रदेश) का कुक्कुट-पालन केन्द्र

१६७६. श्री पद्म देव : क्या साह्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) हिमाचल प्रदेश के कुक्कुट-पालन केन्द्र, कमलाही, में १९६० में कितने पक्षी थे;

(ख) (१) कितने पक्षी लक्कड़ बग्घे ने खाए, (२) कितने मरे और (३) कितने लोगों को बांटे गये; और

(ग) वर्ष १९६०-६१ के लिए इस केन्द्र फाम की अनुमित आय तथा व्यय का विवरण क्या है ?

कृषि उपमंत्री (श्री मो० व० कृष्णप्पा) : (क) से (ग). आवश्यक जानकारी इकट्ठी की जा रही है और मिनते ही हाउस की टैबल पर रख दी जायेगी ।

हिमाचल प्रदेश में कुक्कुट-पालन का प्रशिक्षण

१६७७. श्री पद्म देव : क्या साह्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) हिमाचल प्रदेश में ३१ दिसम्बर, १९६० तक कितने कृषकों को कुक्कुट-पालन का प्रशिक्षण दिया जा चुका है;

(ख) प्रतिशिक्षित कृषकों में से कितनों ने इस उद्योग को सकलतापूर्वक चालू किया है; और