

Sugar Cane Price

- *75. { Shri Ram Ratan Gupta:
 Shri B. K. Mishra:
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 Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:
 Shri A. N. Vidyalankar:
 Shri Umanath:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether U.P. and Bihar Governments have sent recommendations for maintaining the present sugar cane price; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It has been decided to maintain the existing minimum prices of Rs. 1.62 per maund of cane for the year 1962-63 but to link it with a recovery of 9.8 per cent.

Food Poisoning Cases at Sutophukuri, Assam

- *7 { Shri Swell:
 Shri Hem Barua:
 Shri P. K. Deo:
 Shri Basumatari:
 Shri Mohammad Elias:
 Shri Yashpal Singh:

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the students of a Catholic Hostel at Sutophukuri, Darang District, Assam were seized with paralysis soon after taking their food;

(b) if so, the number of students affected and whether they have recovered from their strokes; and

(c) whether Government have identified the cause of these strokes?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a), (b) and (c). Yes, Sir.

An Officer of the Directorate General of Health Services has been deputed to Assam for ascertaining the actual position and making a report in the matter. Requisite information will be laid on the Table of the Sabha on receipt of his report.

In the mean time orders were passed to freeze the consignment of Atta and Maida which was considered responsible for the tragedy.

Mishap to B.O.A.C. Jet Airliner at Madras Airport

*77. Shri Raghunath Singh: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether on the 23rd July, 1962 a B.O.A.C. Comet on a charter flight for Air India from Djakarta to Kuwait met with a mishap at Madras airport; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Mohiuddin): (a) and (b). On 22nd July, 1962, a B.O.A.C. Comet aircraft, on charter to Air India, while operating a scheduled service on the route Djakarta-Singapore-Madras-Bombay, overshot the runway at Madras Airport, during the landing run. Its main wheels sank slightly into the semi-hard ground beyond the runway.

रामगंगा परियोजना

*७८. श्री प्रचल सिंह : क्या सिंचाई और विद्युत् मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि प्रथम व द्वितीय पंचवर्षीय योजनाओं में रामगंगा बांध से मथुरा-आगरा जिलों को, सिंचाई के लिये पानी संभरण करने का आयोजन किया गया था.

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस काम के पूरा होने में स्कावट भाने का क्या कारण था;