

(६) राज्य सरकारों की मांग के अनुसार कपास की फसल के लिए उर्वरकों का विशेष कोटा उपलब्ध किया जाता है।

Railway Electrification Scheme.

*470. { Shri Dinen Bhattacharya:
Dr. Ranen Sen:
Dr. Saradish Roy:
Shri Sarkar Murmu:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway Electrification Scheme has been started as a project under the Railway Board;

(b) the number of persons employed in Eastern and Northern Railway under the same Scheme; and

(c) whether their service conditions are the same as for those of other railway employees?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy):

(a) Yes.

(b) 7447. Northern. 1951, Eastern 5496.

(c) Yes, except that of Casual Labourers.

Japanese Demonstration Farms.

*471. { Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
Shri A. K. Gopalan:

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

(a) whether the yield of paddy in the demonstration farms organised on the Japanese pattern has considerably increased;

(b) if so, whether it is proposed to establish more such farms; and

(c) the criteria for selecting the sites for these farms?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) Information on the performance of the paddy Demonstration farms received from the States is not yet complete. Available information shows that the performance of these farms was on the whole satisfactory in the first paddy season and it is likely to be very good in the present season.

(b) Yes.

(c) The Farms are selected by Japanese experts who constitute the Survey Team which visits the sites suggested by the State Governments. The Team considers the following factors:—

1. Location of the farm near and well connected with a town having civic facilities such as hospital, railway station, etc.
2. Irrigation and drainage facilities or proper water management.
3. Fields which are levelled or terraced to a high degree of perfection.
4. Location of the site in an irrigated belt.
5. Provision of residential and farm buildings according to standard and specifications of the Japanese Team.
6. Suitability of the soils for adoption of Japanese implements and techniques.

Nationalisation of Passenger Transport Service

*472. { Shri P. Venkatasubbaiah:
Shri Eswara Reddy:

Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that the State Governments have been asked not to proceed with the nationalisation of passenger transport service in their States;