

discussions of the Planning Commission with the West Bengal Government it was agreed to include the proposed new Hooghly bridge within the State's Fourth Five-Year Plan. The question of Central assistance for this project is also being examined.

(b) Does not arise.

Integration of Agriculture and Community Development Departments

- *7. **Shri P. R. Chakraverti:**
Shri H. C. Linga Reddy:
Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Dr. M. M. Das:
Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:
Shri J. B. S. Bist:
Shri Basumatari:
Shrimati Maimoona Sultan:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Kapur Singh:
Shri P. H. Bheel:

Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centre's suggestion to the States to integrate the departments of Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation and place them under one Minister has been accepted by the States;

(b) which are the States which disfavoured the proposal of merger;

(c) the grounds advocated by the latter in failing to act up to the Central suggestion; and

(d) whether the States have made positive suggestions as to how co-ordination could be ensured to give a fillip to agricultural production?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Shyam Dhar Misra): (a) to (d). A statement furnishing the requisite information received so far in respect

of most of the States is laid on the Table of House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-7140/66]. Replies from Assam, Mysore, Uttar Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh are awaited.

Import of Russian Tractors

*8. **Shri Surendra Pal Singh:** Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the second half of September, 1966, some spokesman of the Agriculture Machinery Association made a representation to Government either to liberalise the import of Russian tractors or to grant more industrial licences to Indian manufacturers to meet the increasing demand for tractors in the country; and

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

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Shyam Dhar Misra): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Trainer Aircraft

- *9. **Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:**
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri Subodh Hansda:

Will the Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Research and Development Directorate of the Civil Aviation Department has developed two-seater light trainer aircraft;

(b) if so, whether any flying test has been carried out; and

(c) the total cost of production per aircraft and the cost of the foreign exchange components of each aircraft?