

line upto Jammu is not included in the railway's programme of construction of new lines during the Third Five Year Plan.

Landless Agricultural Labour

***402. Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the volume of landless agricultural labour in the country as on the 1st April, 1962.

(b) whether land gifted to the Bhoodan leader, Shri Vinoba Bhave has been distributed among such landless labourers; and

(c) if so, the acreage thereof, the basis of distribution, and the arrangements made for its proper cultivation?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri S. K. Patil): (a) This information may be available after the proposed Rural Labour Enquiry is completed.

(b) and (c). The Akhil Bharat Sarve Seva Sangh has reported that upto 31st December 1961, 8.7 lakh acres had been distributed to about 3 lakh families for cultivation. In some cases financial assistance has also been made available to the allottees for the cultivation of lands.

Requirement of Fertilisers

***403. Shri Maheswar Naik:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) what is the existing requirement of fertilizers of the country;

(b) to what extent the demand is being met from from the indigenous sources; and

(c) how and when the country is expected to be self-sufficient in this regard?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri S. K. Patil): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

Plan Nu- trients	Requirements (1962-63)	Extent to which the demand is being met from indigenous sources
	(Tonnes)	(Tonnes)
N	5,89,000	34%
P ₂ O ₅	1,20,633*	100%
K ₂ O	55,800	Negligible

*Provisional demand. The final demand which is being collected is expected to be lower.

(c) **Nitrogenous:** Several projects for erection of fertilizer plants have been licenced/approved in the Private and Public Sectors to establish a capacity of over 1 million tonnes of Nitrogen by the end of the Third Plan to meet an expected demand of 1 million tonnes. They are in different stages of completion but the actual production by 1965-66 is estimated to be above six and a half lakh tons. The country is expected to be self-sufficient in the course of the Fourth Plan.

Phosphatic:—The current production is sufficient to meet the demand. The licensed capacity will be sufficient to meet the demand during the Third Plan period.

Potassic:—Some pilot projects for the production of potash from marine resources within the country are under consideration but it will be sometime before they can be ready for successful exploitation on a commercial scale.

Strike by Calcutta Dock Workers

***404.** { **Shri Mohammad**
Elias:
Shri Basappa:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ten thousand cargo and coal dock workers went for 24 hours strike on the 16th April, 1962 at the Calcutta Port;