

ween the Governments of India and Japan under which technological advances made by Japan in the field of agricultural production will be shared with India; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the agreement?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri S. K. Patil): (a) Yes.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

Under the Agreement, the Japanese Government will supply four complete sets of machinery and implements required for the operation of the four farms to be established at Ranaghat farm in Nadia Distt. (West Bengal), Chakuli farm in Sambalpur Distt. (Orissa), Arrah in Shahabad Distt. (Bihar) and Vyara farm in Surat Distt. (Gujarat) and also meet the expenses on providing four Japanese technicians to work on each farm. The State Governments will meet the running expenses of the farms and also provide free residential accommodation to the Japanese staff. The Japanese staff will also be given privileges and immunities as admissible to experts under the Colombo Plan. The farms shall aim at demonstrating agricultural techniques by Japanese technicians and also serve as centres for the field training of Indian farmers.

Sleeper Coach on Bombay-Nagpur Express

***526. Shrimati Maimoona Sultan:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 592 on the 25th November, 1961 and state:

(a) whether the question of providing a Sleeper Coach to the Bombay-Nagpur Express has since been examined;

(b) if so, whether the same has been introduced; and

(c) if not, the reasons for failure to do so?

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

(b) and (c). The service has not been introduced so far as the necessary number of Sleeper Coaches are not available.

Helicopter Mail Service

***527. Shrimati Jyotsna Chauda:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) at what stage is the proposal for the introduction of Helicopter Mail Service to the land locked Lungleh sub-division of Assam's Mizo district;

(b) whether he is aware of the acute communication difficulties experienced by the people of Cachar, Mizo District and North Cachar Hills in Assam; and

(c) what steps have been taken to instal standby wireless circuits at Silchar between Silchar-Gauhati, Silchar-Calcutta and Silchar-Aijal?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram): (a) There is no such proposal under consideration.

(b) Communication lines in Assam, particularly in the areas mentioned, run through hilly country and dense jungle. Line interruptions take longer in these areas to rectify because of infrequent rail service and the difficulties of the terrain.

(c) The question of installation of wireless standby circuits between Silchar-Gauhati, Silchar-Calcutta and Silchar-Aijal is under examination.

Panshet and Khadakvasla Dams

***528. Shri Nath Pai:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra have approached the Government of India for help in the reconstruction of the Panshet and the Khadakvasla dams;