

from U.S.A. in view of the sudden rise in the incidence of polio in Delhi?

The Minister of Health (Shri Kar-markar): No. It has not been considered necessary to import Salk Vaccine from U.S.A.

Rice from U.S.A.

*54. **Shri Panigrahi:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the price at which the American rice is being sold in the country after being subsidised by the Government of India; and

(b) whether any complaint from any State has come to the notice of the Central Government regarding the quality of American rice?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) Long grain American rice is being sold at Rs. 20 per maund and other qualities of American rice are being sold at Rs. 18 per maund.

(b) No, Sir.

Supply of Rice to Kerala

*55. **Shri I. Eacharan:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of rice supplied to Kerala State from June, 1957 to 30th October, 1957;

(b) what was the off-take of rice through the fair price shops during this period; and

(c) whether the Kerala Government has taken delivery of all the rice stocks made available to them by the Centre?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) 1,01,000 tons.

(b) 97,000 tons.

(c) Yes, except for American fine raw rice which according to the Kerala Government is not saleable in the State.

Hirakud Power House

*56. **Shri Mahanty:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Power House installed at Hirakud has been generating electricity below the installed capacity; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri S. K. Patil): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Gradual growth of load.

N.E.S. Blocks

*57. **Shri A. S. Saigal:** Will the Minister of Community Development be pleased to state whether it is a fact that in future the allotment of National Extension Service Blocks will be determined after ascertaining the willingness of the State Government concerned to undertake work in additional blocks?

The Minister of Community Development (Shri S. K. Dey): The future allotment of N.E.S. Blocks to States will be made after determining their preparedness to expand the N.E.S. Programme.

Development Block Advisory Committee in Tripura

*58. **Shri Dasaratha Deb:** Will the Minister of Community Development be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 912 on the 26th August, 1957 and state whether the existing Advisory Committee for the Development Blocks and Community Projects of Tripura have all been reconstituted with a view to include the Members of the Territorial Council?

The Minister of Community Development (Shri S. K. Dey): Three out of the six Block Advisory Committees have already been reconstituted in this manner and the reconstitution of the remaining three is being effected.