to lay down any programme, but progress is being made at a fairly fast pace, and we will try to develop the things in the shortest possible time.

Cattle Shows

*171. Shri Bibhuti Mishra: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Central Government have given any directions to various State Governments to hold cattle shows in cattle fairs?

The Minister of Gooperation (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): No.

I may add that there was, however, a suggestion in one of my circular letters to the effect that preferably cattle shows in the States may be held where cattle fairs were held.

श्री विभूति मिश्र : में जानना चाहता हूं कि सरकार जब खेती पर द्वितीय पंच-वर्षीय योजना में इतना खर्च करने जा रही है तो जानवरों की नस्ल सुधारने के लिये कैटल शोज में जो लोग ग्रन्छ ग्रन्छ जानवर लाते हैं उन को इनाम ग्रादि देने के लिये निदेंश क्यों नहीं देती है।

डा॰ पं॰ झा॰ वेशनुस्त : जहां जहां भावश्यकता होती है निदंश दिये जाते हैं। इस भान्सर में मं यह नहीं बतला सक्गा कि नस्लों के सुधार के बारे में क्या प्राविजन है भौर कौन कौन सी चीजे की जाती है। लेकिन नस्लों के सुधार की तरफ काफी सवज्जह दी जाती है।

श्री बिशूति सिश्च : में जानना चाहता हूं कि क्या यह जरूरी काम नहीं है कि कैटल शोख हो श्रीर उन में जो लोग श्रच्छे श्रच्छे जानवर लावें, उन को इनाम श्रादि मिलें, और क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार इस श्रीर ध्यान देगी ?

हा॰ पं॰ झा॰ देशमुख : जी, हां ।

Shri B. S. Murthy: May I know what financial aid is being given by the Centre to the States for conducting

cattle shows, and also to enable the first-rate cattle to be shown in other parts of the country?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: So far as exhibiting the best cattle in such shows is concerned, we have regional shows as well as an all-India show. The maximum amount of aid being given by the Centre is Rs. 5,000 or 50 per cent of the total expenditure whichever is less.

Mr. Speaker: He wants to know whether any attempt was made to send such first-class cattle declared first class in the Central show, round the various States.

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: They will come in the regional and all-India shows.

Inter-State Transport Commission

Shri Shree Narayan Das:
172. Shri Panigrahi:
Shri Raghunath Singh:

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

- (a) whether the Inter-State Transpot Commission as envisaged in the Motor Vehicles Amendment Act, 1956 has been constituted;
- (b) if not, when it is likely to be constituted;
- (c) whether the opinions of the State Governments have been asked for in this regard;
- (d) whether they have been receiv-ed; and
 - (e) the nature of opinions received?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) and (b). The Central Government have taken a decision in principle to set up an Inter-State Transport Commission as envisaged in the Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Act, 1956. The question of selection of officers to serve on the commission, their conditions of service, the functions to be performed

by the Commission and other connected matters of detail are under active consideration of the Government and it is hoped that the Commission will be set up shortly.

- (c) No.
- (d) and (e). Do not arise.

Shri Shree Narayan Daz: May I know whether the Government of India have formulated the precise functions of the Inter-State Transport Commission?

Shri Humayun Kabir: In sub-section (2) of section 63A of the Act, the functions have been defined.

Shri Shree Narayan Das: May I know to what extent the States will participate in the expenditure that will be incurred in the setting up of the Commission?

Shri Humayun Kabir: This is a Central Commission being set up by the Government of India. As such, I do not think the question of States' participation will arise.

Sardar Iqbal Singh: May I know whether any non-official will be appointed to the Commission?

Shri Humayun Rabir: The Commission will consist of a Chairman and not less than two members. The question of non-official representation is under examination.

Shri C. D. Pande: As the Commission is likely to take a long time in formulating a definite policy for the future, will Government consider the difficulties experienced in the matter of transport so as to relax all restrictive measures in respect of motor vehicles?

Shri Humayan Kabir: The purpose of this Commission is to help inter-State transport and, therefore, every action will be taken to facilitate such transport. I do not think it will take a very long time to frame the rules. Under the Act, there are certain provisions which lay down the kind of assistance the Commission can give.

Shri Panigrahi: May I know whether the Commission has taken into consideration the question of further suspension of nationalisation of transport in different States, and whether the different States have been advised not to proceed with nationalisation?

Shri Humayun Kabir: I do not think that question arises out of this particular question.

Shri Panigrahi: It was discussed ...

Mr. Speaker: If it does not arise, it does not matter whether it was discussed or not.

Shri Tangamani: Is it a fact that the taxation now prevalent on motor vehicles is the highest in the various States, and will there be uniformity and reduction of taxation?

Shri Humayun Kabir: I submit this question also does not arise out of the original question.

Shri Tangamani: This was one of the points made out...

Mr. Speaker: There may have been many points, but the question does not arise,

Sugar-cane

*173. Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:
Pandit D. N. Tiwary:
Shri Eup Narain:
Shri Anirudh Sinha:

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

- (a) the extent of damage done in 1956-57 to the sugar-cane crop in North Bihar and Eastern U.P. by red rot disease:
- (b) the schemes prepared to check it effectively; and
- (c) the cost involved in implementing the scheme?

The Minister of Cooperation (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) The total area damaged by this disease in North Bihar and Eastern U.P. was \$25 and 5,500 acres respectively.