

- (a) To collect available data with regard to Minor Irrigation Schemes;
- (b) To examine difficulties experienced by the States and the scope for further expansion; and
- (c) To render all possible assistance and guidance and to make suitable recommendations to enable the States to launch their schemes on a more sound footing.

The Committee examined in detail the problems and possibilities of minor irrigation of the country and submitted a Report in August, 1957, which includes general observations in respect of all the States of the Union of India as they existed before Reorganisation and also includes individual report in respect of the 18 former States prior to the Reorganisation.

Telephone Advisory Committees

*1562. { Shrimati Parvathi Krishnan:
Shri Anthony Pillai:
Shrimati Renu Chakravarty:
Shri Sampath:

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

- (a) whether Telephone Advisory Committees have been formed in any Centres;
- (b) if so, which are they;
- (c) what are the interests represented in these Committees; and
- (d) what are the functions of these Advisory Committees?

- (1) Coimbatore. (Madras State).
- (2) Amravati. (Bombay State).
- (3) Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi.
- (4) Kanpur. (U.P.).
- (5) Ludhiana. (Punjab).
- (6) Hyderabad. (Andhra Pradesh).
- (7) Honnall. (Mysore State).
- (8) Junagadh (Bombay State).
- (9) Hoshangabad, (M.P.).

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes.

(b) to (d). A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix VII, annexure No. 24.]

Oilseed and Coconut Research Stations

*1563. { Shri Ghosal:
Shri Mahagaonkar:

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

(a) whether the Central Government have any scheme for setting up Regional Oilseed Research Station and Coconut Research Station; and

(b) if so, where?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) Yes.

(b) The required information as follows:

(i) A project for the intensification of regional research on cotton, oilseeds and millets sponsored jointly by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, the Indian Central Cotton Committee and the Indian Central Oilseeds Committee provides *inter alia* for the establishment of research stations on oilseeds at the following places:—

Groundnut.
Groundnut.
Linseed.

Sarson and Rai.
Torina and Taramira.
Castor and Groundnut.

Groundnut.
Groundnut.
Linseed.

(ii) Under the Second Five Year Plan it is proposed to establish 3 Regional Coconut Research Stations in the States of Madras, Mysore and Orissa. The Station in Orissa has been set up at Sakhigopal. For the other 2 Stations, suitable sites are being surveyed.

Inland Water Transport

1572. Shri Ghosal:
Shri K. U. Parmar:

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

(a) whether any representations have been made to the Central Government by River Steam Navigation & Co. Ltd., and Indian General Navigation and Railway Co. Ltd., for financial assistance in order to improve Inland Water Transport system of Ganga-Brahamaputra rivers; and

(b) if so, what are the proposals?

The Deputy Minister of Civil Aviation (Shri Mohiuddin): (a) Some representations have been received by the Central Government from the River Steam Navigation and Co. Ltd., General Navigation and Railway Co. Ltd., for financial assistance.

(b) The proposals relate to financial assistance for the replacement of the fleet and for covering operation losses.

विमान दुर्घटनायें

२२०१. श्री म० लालू डिबेदी : क्या परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वर्ष १९५६-५७ में भारत में विमान दुर्घटनाओं के मुख्य कारण क्या थे; और

(ख) अन्य देशों की तुलना में भारत में विमान दुर्घटनाओं की औसत संख्या क्या है ?

भारतीय उद्योग उद्योगी (क)

श्रीजीवीन) : (क) भारतीय रविस्टैंड विमानों की दुर्घटना का मुख्य कारण विमान-चालकों की गलती था। २८ दुर्घटनाओं में से २३ दुर्घटनायें इसी कारण से हुईं, और इन में भी १८ दुर्घटनायें विमानचालक प्रशिक्षणियों द्वारा हुईं।

(ख) पिछले कुछ वर्षों से भारत में मुख्य विमान दुर्घटनाओं का औसत ३० प्रति वर्ष का रहा है। आस्ट्रेलिया, यूनाइटेड किंगडम और यू० एस० ए० की संख्यायें क्रमशः ६५, ६० और ३००० प्रति वर्ष हैं।

Cotton Estimates

2202. Shri V. P. Nayar: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government relies on the crop estimates of cotton framed by M/s. Volkart Brothers; and

(b) whether Government have any machinery of their own for making these estimates?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) No.

(b) Yes. The All-India Crop Estimates, including those for cotton are based on the estimates furnished by the State Governments who collect the data through their own primary agencies belonging to revenue and other Departments.

Chemical Fertilizers

2203. Shri V. P. Nayar: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated value of increased production of foodgrains resulting from the use of chemical fertilizers worth one rupee; and

(b) whether Government have studied the relation of crops increase in relation to the use of chemical fertilizers now being used on a large scale?