

of closing down the Juhu Aerodrome; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Dairy Development and Animal Husbandry

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

(a) the central financial aid given so far since the commencement of the First Plan to Madras, Kerala and Mysore States for dairy development and animal husbandry; and

(b) what are the present estimated daily per capita average consumption of milk and milk products in those States?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) and (b). A statement is placed on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 30].

Inauguration of Electric Train Service

*87. { Shri H. N. Makerjee:
Shri M. Elias:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the amounts spent by way of decoration, alteration of platform heights, on the occasion of the inauguration of electrification in Eastern Railway; and

(b) how much of the said expenditure was for permanent purposes and how much for the temporary purpose of celebrating the occasion?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawas Khan): (a) and (b). Only a sum of about Rs. 5,800 was spent on the inauguration ceremony. This expenditure is for works of temporary nature.

Areca nut Research Station

*88. Shri A. K. Gopalan: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up Areca nut Research Station in Ponnani Taluk, Kerala State;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme; and

(c) whether Government have received any representations from areca nut growers to set up such a Research Station?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas):

(a) It is proposed to set up a Regional Areca nut Research Station in Kerala State. No final decision has, however, been taken so far with regard to the location of the station.

(b) A copy of the detailed scheme is placed on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 31].

(c) Yes.

Quinine

*89. Shri Raghunath Singh: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the demand of Quinine is declining and the agriculturists of West Bengal and Madras are suffering due to the import of synthetic anti-malaria drugs?

The Minister of Health (Shri D. P. Karmarkar): Yes, the demand for Quinine is declining. As Cinchona is grown and Quinine is manufactured exclusively as a State enterprise in Madras and West Bengal, the question of suffering by the agriculturists due to the restricted import of synthetic anti-malarials does not arise.

Restoration of Dismantled Railway Lines

*90. Shri Doraiswami Gounder: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether there is any proposal