

(b) and (c). The question of taking steps for dealing with the reappearance of Kans as also affording relief to the farmers is now the concern of the State Government. The Central Tractor Organisation completed its operations in the areas in the season 1954-55 and is no longer operating in Uttar Pradesh.

Tube Wells

*215. **Shri Bali Reddy:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tube wells constructed so far in the country under the Technical Co-operation Mission Programme;

(b) how many have been constructed in Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) how many wells so sunk have been put to use?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) 2640 tube-wells.

(b) None.

(c) Does not arise, in view of the reply to part (b).

Rihand Dam

*216. **Shri Kalika Singh:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rihand Dam, the Dohrighat pumped canal in Azamgarh and the Tanda pumped canal in Fyzabad have now been included in the core of the Second Five Year Plan;

(b) the total requirement of foreign exchange and the amounts being allotted separately for the three schemes; and

(c) whether the whole amount of foreign exchange amounting to Rs. 18 lakhs for importing pumps from West Germany for Dohrighat Pumped Canal will be available during the Second Plan period?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri S. K. Patil): (a) Only the Rihand Dam Project is in the core of the Plan.

(b) The total requirement of foreign exchange for the three projects is Rs. 15.5383 crores Rihand, Rs. 15.31 crores; Dohrighat pumped canal, Rs. 14.83 lakhs and Tanda pumped canal Rs. 8 lakhs. Allocations of ceilings of foreign exchange are made for each half-year. Allocations for the next half-year i.e. April to September 1958 have not yet been made.

(c) The total requirement of foreign exchange needed for importing pumps for Dohrighat Pumped Canal is Rs. 14.17 lakhs out of which sanction for the release of foreign exchange for Rs. 1.17 lakhs was given in December, 1957. Although no definite commitment can be made at this stage for the remaining Rs. 13 lakhs of foreign exchange, it is hoped that the position will improve sufficiently to enable us to meet this requirement in view of the importance of the scheme which is intended to benefit a scarcity area.

Price of Rice in Agartala (Tripura)

*217. **Shri Dasaratha Deb:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that the price of rice has gone up very high at Agartala open market (Tripura) from the middle of the month of January, 1958;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to check the rise of the price of rice; and

(c) the steps being taken to meet the demands of foodstuffs in Tripura?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) Yes, there was some rise in the price of rice in the open market from about the middle of January, 1958, but the price has of late started declining. An appreciable Section of the people in Agartala however got their supplies at the fixed retail price of Rs. 18 per maund from the fair price shops.