

Rice from Burma

*1085. Shri Hem Barua: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is going to get lesser quantity of rice from Burma in the current year than scheduled; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. In view of shortfall in production the Government of Burma have expressed their inability to undertake to supply more than 2½ lakh tons in 1958. Therefore, the possibility of obtaining some rice from other countries, within the foreign exchange ceiling provided for the import of full 5 lakh tons from Burma, is being explored.

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*१०८६. { श्री भक्त वरुण :
श्री स० च० सामन्त :

क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भूमि के कटाव को रोकने के उद्देश्य से सारे हिमालय क्षेत्र का सर्वेक्षण पिछले कुछ वर्षों से किया जा रहा है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस कार्य में अब तक क्या प्रगति हुई है ;

(ग) सर्वेक्षण का कार्य कब तक पूरा हो जाने की आशा है ;

(घ) इस कार्य पर कुल कितनी राशि व्यय होने का अनुमान है; और

(ङ) इस कार्य में तिब्बत, नेपाल, सिक्किम और भूटान की सरकारों से किस प्रकार का सहयोग मिल रहा है ?

खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री (श्री स० च० वरुण)
(क) से (ङ), सभा की टेबिल पर एक विवरण रख दिया गया है। [वैकिके परिशिष्ट ५, अनुबन्ध संख्या ७३]

Hostel for Railway Employees' Children at Secunderabad

*1087. Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 410 on 29th July, 1957 and state:

(a) whether the Scrutiny of the estimate for the construction of a subsidised hostel for 200 children of Railway employees schooling at Secunderabad has since been completed; and

(b) if so, when the work on it will commence?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) No, Sir. The question of commitments involved in the provision of the hostel is still under scrutiny.

(b) Does not arise.

Paddy

*1088. Shri Sanganna: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the strains of paddy as approved by the Advisory Board of the Council of the Agricultural Research have been experimented in any parts of the country according to the improved technique of the Chinese methods of the Paddy cultivation;

(b) if so, in which areas of the country; and

(c) the chief difference between the Japanese method of cultivation and the Chinese method?

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

(b) Does not arise.