

special features of the terrain in Kerala; and

(d) whether the Government of India propose to increase the allocation to the State?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain):** (a) Rs. 28.50 lakhs.

(b) Rs. 11.97 lakhs have been spent during the years 1956-57 and 1957-58. The estimated expenditure during 1958-59 will be Rs. 14 lakhs. The figures of actual expenditure will be available after the close of the current financial year.

(c) Government of Kerala requested for an additional allotment of Rs 75 lakhs during the Second Plan period

(d) For 1958-59 the original allocation of Rs. 8 00 lakhs has been increased to Rs. 16 00 lakhs and an allotment of Rs 25 00 lakhs has been agreed to for the year 1959-60.

The amount to be allotted during the year 1960-61 will be considered at the time of discussion of State Plans for that year taking into account their performance in the previous years.

#### **Remodelling of Cuttack Railway Station**

1353. **Shri B. C. Mullick:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No 1750 on the 17th December, 1958 and state:

(a) whether a further estimate for Rs. 95,000 has since been sanctioned for the remodelling of Cuttack Railway Station;

(b) whether any further work has been done; and

(c) if so, the nature thereof?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan):** (a) Not yet, Sir. The estimate is practically finalised and will be sanctioned shortly.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

#### **Areca Nut Conference in Trivandrum**

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

(a) what are the recommendations of the Areca Nut Conference held at Trivandrum in January this year; and

(b) the steps Government intend to take to implement them?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain):** (a) A list of Recommendations made by the Conference is placed on the Table. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 24].

(b) Each case will be considered on its merits.

#### **Wheat and Rice Position in West Bengal**

1355. **Shri N. B. Maiti:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the present supply position of rice, wheat and wheat products in West Bengal, and

(b) the future plan of supply to that State of each of these foodgrains till the next harvest?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain):** (a) and (b). There is no difficulty about wheat and wheat products in West Bengal as the requirements for those commodities are being adequately met by the Central Government.

As a result of the enforcement of the Anti-profiteering Act, 1958, of the West Bengal Government, the arrivals of rice from the countryside particularly in the Greater Calcutta industrial area, certain deficit Districts and deficit pockets and other industrial areas had diminished. However, the

arrivals are now improving. In order to assist the West Bengal Government to overcome this difficulty, the Government of India have already supplied 42,000 tons of rice to the West Bengal Government for distribution in the months of January and February. The Government of India have also agreed to meet the requirements of the State Government for the month of March and will make every effort to meet the reasonable requirements of the West Bengal Government for the rest of the year.

#### Bogies for High Officials

1356. Shri N. B. Maiti: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state

(a) whether certain bogies in certain Mail trains carry boards bearing the words "High Officials" indicating that these bogies are for the exclusive use of these officials,

(b) if so, the categories of officials included in this term, and

(c) the reasons for introduction or continuance of this practice?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) No

(b) and (c) Do not arise

#### Irrigation and Flood Protection Schemes

1357. Shri L. Achaw Singh: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state

(a) the amount of money sanctioned for irrigation for Manipur Territory in 1958-59,

(b) the amount spent for flood protection for the year and

(c) the schemes undertaken for Imphal and Iriul rivers?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathl): (a) Nil

(b) Rs 1.28 lakhs up to the end of January, 1959

(c) (1) Raising Imphal River right and left bunds by an average height of 4 feet to provide for a free board of 3 feet above the high flood level and widening these bunds by 4 feet to make the top width 12 feet over a length of 26 miles and 5 furlongs

(2) Raising the Iriul River right bund by an average height of 4 feet to give a free board of 4 feet above the high flood level and widening the bund by 10 feet to make the top width 15 feet over a length of 13 miles and 7 furlongs

#### Central Mechanised Farm at Suratgarh

1358. Shri Ram Krishan: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the nature and details of new schemes of animal husbandry and horticulture to be started at the Central Mechanised Farm at Suratgarh (Rajasthan)?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): The details are as follows —

#### A Animal Husbandry Schemes

*Cattle Breeding* 20 Hariana breed of heifers of high pedigree with one bull will be maintained on mixed farming basis for multiplication and upgrading indigenous stock

*Sheep Breeding* 200 ewes and 8 rams of Bikaneri breed will be kept for development and distribution in the region

*Poultry Breeding* A foundation stock of 50 pullets and 10 cockrels of white leghorn breed will be maintained for multiplication and distribution in the region

#### B Horticulture

An area of 62 acres will be put under orchard and planted with the following fruit plants —

Malta and pine-apple, Grape fruit, Grape vine, Mosambi, Date Palm