

have gone up from 6.0 days' consumption on 1st June, 1960, to 11.2 days' consumption on 31st October, 1960. Some improvement has also been made in the quality of coal supplied.

(c) With a view to improve and ensure supply of right type of coal, a new organisation for coal inspection has been set up in the B. & B. coalfields and Railways inspection introduced from 10th August, 1960, for coal received from the Public Sector collieries situated in Karanpura and Bokaro coalfields. Similar inspection is proposed to be extended shortly to the coal coming from collieries in the private sector.

(d) It is difficult to make any reasonably correct estimate of savings on account of this factor.

असैनिक उड्डयन प्रशिक्षण केन्द्र

*६६. श्री गवम देव : क्या पन्दिहन तथा संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) भारत में असैनिक उड्डयन के प्रशिक्षण केन्द्र कितने हैं और वे कहाँ कहाँ स्थित हैं ;

(ख) इन केन्द्रों में प्रवेश पाने वाले प्रशिक्षणार्थियों की योग्यता और आयु कितनी होनी चाहिये ; और

(ग) क्या इन केन्द्रों में सभी पढ़ाने वाले भारतीय हैं ?

असैनिक उड्डयन उपमंत्री (श्री मोहीउद्दीन) :

(क) और (ख) : सभा की मेज पर सबाल के मुत्तल्लिक एक स्टेटमेंट रखा जाता है। [देखिये परिशिष्ट १, अनुबन्ध संख्या २१]।

(ग) जी हाँ, जनाब।

Apple and Ginger Marketing Committee in Himachal Pradesh

*70. Shri S. N. Ramaul: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Himachal Pradesh Administration is considering to appoint an Apple and

Ginger Marketing Committee similar to the Potato Committee; and

(b) if so, what will be the criterion to nominate the members on that Committee?

The Deputy Minister of Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Postal Cheques

*71. Shri Amjad Ali: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Post Office Savings Bank cheques are not being accepted by the Life Insurance Corporation given as premium of insurance;

(b) if so, what are the objections of the Life Insurance Corporation for not accepting the same; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government to see that these cheques issued by the postal savings bank depositors are honoured?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Dr. P. Subbarayan):

(a) The Life Insurance Corporation were not accepting such cheques until recently.

(b) As Post Offices were not Members of Clearing Houses, the Bankers of the Life Insurance Corporation were unwilling to accept these cheques for clearance.

(c) Post Offices will now become members of clearing houses, wherever the facility exists. In some important places like Calcutta, Bombay, Madras, Delhi and Nagpur they have already become such members. Instructions have been issued by the Life Insurance Corporation in July, 1960 that such cheques should now be accepted.

Bridge across River Ganga

*72. { Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:
Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:
Shri Kalika Singh:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to