

term basis we have vaccination, inoculation and the like, which is an elaborate preparation. As my hon. friend is aware, there is no emergency in Calcutta, needing segregation and the like.

Shri Narasimhan: Are Government aware that in certain areas where two or three States meet, such as the border of Mysore and Madras, cholera epidemic is very frequent because of want of inter-state co-ordination?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: Next question.

Teleprinter Factory

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*259. { **Shri Subodh Hansda:**
Shri Chandra Shankar:
Shri R. C. Majhi:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri Bhakt Darshan:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction of the teleprinter factory at Madras has been completed;

(b) if not, when this will be completed;

(c) what was the Plan provision for the construction of the project; and

(d) how much has been spent so far?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Dr. P. Subbarayan): (a) and (b). Madras Government are acquiring land for the permanent buildings for the factory and the construction work will be taken up as soon as the land has been acquired. The factory is at present located in temporary premises.

(c) and (d). Total provision for the project was Rs. 150 lakhs out of which Rs. 50.2 lakhs has so far been sanctioned. No expenditure has been incurred on construction of buildings so far.

Shri Subodh Hansda: The hon. Minister has just now stated that the factory is located in temporary buildings.

May I know whether production has already started there?

Dr. P. Subbarayan: We have assembled about 70 of them. We hope to produce with more of indigenous content shortly.

Shri Subodh Hansda: The hon. Minister has stated that the Madras Government have started acquiring lands for the construction of the factory. How long will the Government take to acquire these lands and when will the construction start?

Dr. P. Subbarayan: The Madras Government have told us that it will be completed shortly, because they themselves promised the land free of cost.

Shri Sadhan Gupta: May I know whether the Government have any idea as to when manufacture, as distinct from assembling, of teleprinter will commence? By what time could fully indigenous teleprinters be manufactured?

Dr. P. Subbarayan: As I said, we are at present only assembling them. We hope to manufacture them with indigenous articles shortly, but how long it will take I am not able to say.

Shri Joachim Alva: Almost immediately, say, in the next two or three years the factory will go into production and produce a large number of teleprinters. So, why did the Ministry permit the import of so many teleprinters for one new line of news service when we have an indigenous news service, like the PTI, doing efficient service? Why did the Ministry not take note of this?

Dr. P. Subbarayan: This question ought to be addressed to the Minister of Information and Broadcasting.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know the value or percentage of the machinery which is yet to be imported for the use of this factory?

Dr. P. Subbarayan: We have imported almost all the machinery that

is required. We have insalled them in the temporary building which has been offered to us by the Government of Madras.

Shri M. R. Krishna: One of the considerations to locate this factory at Madras was the fact that the Madras Government had assured to give land for the factory. How is it that it has taken such a long time for acquiring the land?

Dr. P. Subbarayan: The land that they gave was not suitable because foundations were hard to lay. So they promised to acquire some other land suitable for our purpose.

Shri Tangamani: Is it a fact that the Madras Government has given a plot of land which belongs to the Government, namely, the Government Estate in Guindy?

Dr. P. Subbarayan: That is what I said. The land that they offered to us was examined and it was found that it would not be suitable for the building that we want to put up.

International Seed Year

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*260. { Shri Barman:
 { Shri Subodh Hansda:
 { Shri R. C. Majhi:
 { Shri S. C. Samanta:

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

(a) whether all the States have celebrated 1961 as an International Seed Year;

(b) if so, how this celebration was observed; and

(c) what are the achievements of this celebration?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 51].

Shri Barman: From the statement I find that though the target in the case of West Bengal was 200 it had subsequently been reduced to 100 only and

that also was not fully utilised. What are the reasons for that?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: The reason in most cases is non-availability of land. We have sometimes had to revise our position and resort to acquisition and so on. It takes time. I think it must have been with the consent of the West Bengal Government that the number was reduced.

Shri Barman: I find from the statement that the TCM supplied us with further equipment but all that equipment was utilised in installing three quality control stations in Punjab, Bihar and Andhra. Bengal being the most deficit State when is the question of Bengal going to be considered in regard to this vital matter of quality control laboratory?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: I think the previous question by my hon. friend supplies the answer. Because the seed farms there are not adequate we could not utilise this machinery in that State. But this is not the end of it. As we go on, probably there might be more centres.

Shri Subodh Hansda: From the statement I find that the State Government have arranged seminars, exhibitions etc. to celebrate the International Seed Year.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: As the elections are approaching the voice should rather be higher and not lower. Here also we want to hear him.

Shri Subodh Hansda: From the statement I find that the State Government have arranged seminars, exhibitions etc. to celebrate this International Seed Year. May I know whether the cultivators and the farmers have been associated with these seminars?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: All these programmes are meant for the farmers also. Unless they pay attention to it we can never say that our scheme has been successful. As has been stated in the statement, it has created more