

per maund. The Tripura administration are confident that with this supply, they will be able to meet the requirements. There has been no starvation in any part of the State and although in certain parts the prices of rice in the open market have risen, the distribution of rice through fair price shops is having a salutary effect on prices.

Crop Estimation

*717. **Shri Sinhasan Singh:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state

(a) whether there is any prescribed system of crop estimation under which there is annual crop estimation for the country, State and District-wise,

(b) if so, the estimates for the years 1953-54 to 1956-57 for the State of UP with particular reference to the Eastern Districts of that State and for Bihar, Bombay and Punjab and Madhya Pradesh States, and

(c) the agency employed for this crop estimation?

The Minister of Food & Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) Yes. The State Governments follow prescribed procedure for annual estimation of crop acreages and output at different levels. The All-India crop estimates are based on the estimates framed by the States.

(b) A statement giving the available estimates is laid on the Table of Lok Sabha [See Appendix III, annexure No 107].

(c) The agency employed is generally the revenue agency of the State Governments assisted by technical staff of trained statisticians.

Medical College at Kurnool

*718. **Shri Venkatasubbaiah:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh have sought financial aid from the Central Government to

start a Medical College at Kurnool from July, 1957,

(b) the amount of financial aid asked for by the State Government; and

(c) if so, the amount given by the Central Government?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): (a) The answer is in the affirmative.

(b) Rs 25 lakhs during the Second Five Year Plan period.

(c) No amount has been sanctioned for the purpose.

Construction of Railway Lines

*719. **Shri M. C. Jain:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state

(a) whether Labour and Construction Co-operative Societies are given any concession or preference as against individual contractors in the matter of allotment of earth-work in the construction of Railway lines, and

(b) if so, the details of the concessions?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) No concession or preference is given to recognised Labour and Construction Societies in the matter of allotment of earth-work in Construction of Railway lines.

(b) Does not arise.

Provision of Chairs in First Class Compartments

*720. **Shri Mahendra Pratap:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether it is a fact that first class compartments on trains have not yet been provided with chairs for the convenience of short journey travellers?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): Yes. Only one 1st class coach, half of which has

been provided with chairs for short journey travellers, has been placed in service on an experimental basis.

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) No, Sir, not for the present

(b) Does not arise

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श्री मोहन स्वरूप .
श्री संगण्ड्या :
श्री भानुवेंद्र शाह

क्या साख तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) अब तक सहकारी चीनी मिलें खोलने के लिये कितने लाइसेंस दिये जा चुके हैं और कितने आवेदन-पत्र अभी विचागधीन हैं ,

(ख) उपर्युक्त विषयों में राज्यवार अंशकडे क्या हैं , और

(ग) सहकारी चीनी मिलों में प्रशु जी के रूप में लगाने के लिये विभिन्न राज्यों को कितनी राशि मजूर की जा चुकी है और उसमें से अभी तक कितनी राशि दी जा चुकी है ?

साख तथा कृषि मंत्री (श्री अ० प्र० जैन) : (क) से (ग) पूछी हुई जानकारी का एक विवरण समा की टेबिल पर रख दिया गया है । [देखने परिलिखित ३, अनुबन्ध संख्या १०८]

Sugar Production

*723. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to revise the policy regarding the revision target of sugar production and establishment of additional capacity in the shape of new factories and expansion in the existing factories; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

यानी सुबिचाये

*७२४. श्री रघुनाथ सिंह क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को यह विदित है कि सीराष्ट्र में चलने वाली पश्चिम रेलवे की गाड़ियों के तीसरे दर्ज के डिब्बों की न तो सफाई होती है और न उनके शौचालय साफ होने हैं और न उनमें यात्रियों के लिये पानी की व्यवस्था है , और

(ख) इस सम्बन्ध में समाचार-पत्रों में कितनी शिकायतें प्रकाशित हुई हैं जिनकी ओर सरकार का ध्यान आकर्षित किया गया है ?

रेलवे डायरेक्टर (श्री शाहनवाज खां) :

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National Savings Certificates

*724-A. Shri S. C. Samanta: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agency commission is granted to the Posts and Telegraphs Department for the sale of National Savings Certificates, and

(b) if so, the rate of commission?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). No, but the P. & T Department are reimbursed the approximate cost incurred by the Department, at a rate of Re. 0-7-0 per transaction on each certificate

Fakirgram—Amingaon Line

*725. Shri Amjad Ali: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to-