

Fertilisers

*683. Shri M. B. Thakore: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the total quantity of fertilizers supplied by the Central Government to the State of Bombay during 1956-57?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): The following quantities of fertilisers were supplied to Bombay State:

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| (i) Sulphate of Ammonia | 74,000 tons. |
| (ii) Urea | .. 845 tons. |
| (iii) Ammonium Sulphate Nitrate | .. 1,820 tons. |

Ex-Saurashtra Railway Corruption Cases

*684. Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 120 on the 28th March, 1957 and state:

(a) the nature of advice received from the Union Public Service Commission regarding the action to be taken against the three officers of ex-Saurashtra Railway involved in the embezzlement of Rs. 13 lakhs; and

(b) what further action is proposed to be taken by the Railway Board?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) Dismissal from service in the case of two officers and removal from service in the case of the other officer.

(b) The advice has been accepted and orders have been issued.

Rural Credit

*685. Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the amount of credit proposed to be given to the farmers in 1957-58 through co-operative societies?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): Rs. 60 crores.

Workshop Reviewing Committee

*686. Shri S. C. Samanta: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the suggestion of the Workshop Reviewing Committee that "if complete new fire-boxes for Broad and Metre gauge boilers are manufactured at Chittaranjan and TELCO respectively, it would be possible for the Railways to effect renewal of fire-boxes" has been considered and action taken; and

(b) if so, what is the production up-to-date?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) The suggestion for the renewal of only five boxes of boilers instead of complete boilers has been accepted in principle. As Chittaranjan Locomotive Works and Tata Locomotive and Engineering Co. are now committed to the increased targets for the manufacture of complete locomotives, they have no surplus capacity for the manufacture of spare fire-boxes at present.

(b) Does not arise.

Rajasthan Canal

*687. Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state the provision made in the Second Five Year Plan for developing transport facilities in connection with the Rajasthan Canal such as Railways, Navigation and National Highway?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): There are no plans at present to construct either a railway or a roadway alongside the Rajasthan Canal because of the difficult nature of the terrain, but the Canal has been designed for both irrigation and navigation and as the project develops transport facilities will become available.