

LAND CULTIVATION

*815. **Shri Bishwa Nath Roy:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the acreage of land which can be cultivated but which is not under cultivation till now in India?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): About 11½ million acres in 1949-50.

JAPANESE TRAWLER

*817. **Shri Raghunath Singh:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether the fishing experiment on the west coast of India carried out with the Japanese trawler 'Taid Maru', has proved successful?

(b) How many trawlers India requires for the fishing?

(c) How many fishing trawlers India possesses at present?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) Yes.

(b) It is not possible to mention a definite number unless the experimental and exploratory work now being conducted has made sufficient progress.

(c) 5 in all.

SURVEY OF MINOR PORTS

*818. **Shri Raghunath Singh:** (a) Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state whether Messrs. J. G. D. Poirier and P. Cormier, dredger experts of U.N. Technical Aid Programme who surveyed minor ports in India, have submitted their report?

(b) If so, what steps Government have taken in the matter?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) The Government of India have not yet received the report.

(b) Does not arise.

WOMEN EMPLOYED IN JUTE INDUSTRY.

*819. **Shrimati Renu Chakravarty:** (a) Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state the total number of women employed in jute industry?

(b) How many are under the category of temporary staff even after one-year service?

(c) How many women workers in jute have been retrenched during the last one year?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House in due course.

'Q' FEVER

*821. **Shri Buchhikotaiah:** (a) Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state whether it is a fact that research work carried at the laboratory of the Armed Forces Medical College in Poona has established the prevalence of "Q" fever in India?

(b) If so, in what parts of the country the fever is in existence?

(c) What steps are being taken to control the fever?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): (a) to (c). The information required is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

JAGDISH SUGAR MILLS

*822. { **Shri Sinhasan Singh:**
Shri Ramji Verma:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the (i) labourers, (ii) other employees and (iii) the cane growers have not been paid their salaries for over six months by the Controller of the Jagdish Sugar Mills Limited, Kotakuiyan, District Deoria;

(b) whether it is a fact that cane prices to the extent of several lakhs have not been paid by the Controller