

(b) If so, has the Committee submitted any report?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):**

(a) The question of constituting a Committee is still under consideration.

(b) Does not arise.

#### TUBE WELLS IN U. P.

**\*904. Shri M. L. Agrawal:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether it is a fact that with a view to provide adequate irrigation facilities to the Eastern Districts of Uttar Pradesh the construction of 2,000 tube wells has been provided in the First Five Year Plan?

(b) Is it a fact that out of 2,000 wells, the construction of 465 tube wells cannot be taken up and completed within the Plan period, unless necessary orders of Government for starting the work on these wells are received during the current financial year and the necessary funds made available?

(c) Have Government received a representation in this behalf from the Uttar Pradesh Government?

(d) What action do Government propose to take in the matter so that the Plan Programme of providing 2,000 tube wells for the scarcity affected Eastern Region of Uttar Pradesh may be completed during the First Five Year Plan period?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai):** (a) The Five Year Plan of U. P. originally provided for the construction of only 1,000 tube-wells. But on subsequent representation of the U.P. Government the number was increased to 2,000 tube-wells subject to T.C.A. assistance being made available.

(b) Yes.

(c) No.

(d) Programme for the construction of 1275 tube-wells under the T.C.A. projects and of 260 tube-wells under the State scheme has already

been approved by the Government of India and it is scheduled to be completed within the period of the Five Year Plan. The construction of the remaining 465 tube-wells will depend upon further programmes being taken up under foreign aid during the present Plan period.

#### AMMONIUM SULPHATE

**\*905. Shri Rajagopala Rao:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the total quantity of ammonium sulphate supplied from the Central Fertilizer pool to the State of Madras during the year 1953?

(b) Did the State Government disclose any balance of the previous year's allotment?

(c) What was the total stock of the ammonium sulphate with the State Government on the 1st August, 1953?

(d) What is the cost of the ammonium sulphate?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai):** (a) 14,000 tons upto 21-8-1953.

(b) Yes—1,06,727 tons.

(c) 65,896 tons.

(d) It varies from place to place within the range of Rs. 335/- per ton at Madras Port and Rs. 380/8/- to Rs. 398/- per ton at distant places in the State.

#### SUPPLY OF FOODGRAINS TO MADRAS

**\*906. Shri Rajagopala Rao:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the total quantity of wheat and paddy supplied to the Government of Madras from the Central Pool during the year 1953?

(b) What is its cost?

(c) What is the stock of the two kinds of foodgrains with the State Government on the 1st August, 1953?

(d) What is its cost?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai):** (a) The total