

CENTRAL RICE RESEARCH INSTITUTE

*1568. **Shri Sanganna:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether Government have appointed a Committee to investigate the adequacy or otherwise of the establishment and equipments in the Central Rice Research Institute, Cuttack?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa): Yes.

Shri Sanganna: May I know whether any equipment has been bought in view of the fact that new schemes will be undertaken under the agricultural programme?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: A Committee has been appointed last year. We expect the report of that committee by the third week of this month. Much depends on the report of the Committee and the recommendations therein.

PALGHAT RAILWAY STATION

*1569. **Shri L. Eacharan:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Messrs. Caltex Ltd. have been given a lease of a certain portion of the Palghat Railway Station-yard;

(b) if so, the terms and conditions of the lease;

(c) whether this lease would constitute a danger to the life and property of the people in the neighbourhood; and

(d) the circumstances which weighed with Government in rejecting a request of the Palghat Municipal Council for a lease of a portion of that station-yard?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The terms and conditions are on the lines as indicated in the specimen form of agreement given in Appendix V of Indian Government Railway Code for the Engineering Department, a copy of which is available in the Library of the House.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The Municipality have recently revised their requirement and the matter is still under consideration.

Shri I. Eacharan: May I know whether the Southern Railway was consulted in the matter and if so, what was their reply?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: I shall require notice.

Shri Achuthan: May I know what prevailed with the department in giving the site near the Railway station instead of giving a site at a place where there is the Burmah-Shell bunk?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: Because the new site was considered more suitable from the Company's point of view.

Shri Kelappan: May I know the purpose for which the Municipal Council wanted a portion of this station-yard?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): The Municipal Council wanted to construct a cart stand there and we are considering their suggestion.

FERTILIZERS FOR ANDHRA

*1570. **Shri Raghuramalah:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra State have approached Government for any loan for the purchase of the fertilisers in 1954; and

(b) if so, the amount of loan sanctioned?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa): (a) No, Sir.