

## BORO PADDY

\*2337. **Shri N. B. Chowdhury**: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether any experiments are being carried on to evolve better quality of Boro paddy;

(b) if so, where the research is being carried on; and

(c) what arrangements have been made to make the results available to the Boro-cultivators?

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

(b) Chinsurah Farm, West Bengal.

(c) The work is still in progress, and results will be made available to public if the attempt is successful.

## दानेदार चीनी का उत्पादन

\*२३४१: श्री राम जी वर्मा : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि कुटीर उद्योग के रूप में दानेदार चीनी बनाने के लिये किसी मशीन का आविष्कार किया गया है ?

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

## RAILWAY SALOONS

\*2342. **Th. Jugal Kishore Sinha**: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) what is the average cost of an inspection carriage including the fittings and furniture provided therein; and

(b) the cost of the most costly saloon and the category of officers who use it?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan)**: (a) The present-day cost of a bogie Inspection Carriage is about Rs. 1½ lacs though most carriages in service were built originally at a cost of about 1/3rd of this amount.

(b) About Rs. 2½ lacs. It is used in the pool of saloons reserved for High Government Officials of the Central Government.

## PURCHASE OF MACHINERY FOR RAILWAYS

\*2343. **Shri Tulsidas**: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Directorate-General of Supply is entrusted with the work of purchase of plant and machinery for the Railways against their annual and ad hoc requirements;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Railway Board have recently taken a decision to obtain some of their requirements of plant and machinery against the 1954-55 programme directly from London; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan)**: (a) Yes except for the Plant and Machinery for Chittaranjan Locomotives & Integral Coach Factory, Perambur.

(b) There has been no change in the procedure.

(c) Does not arise.

## विमान दुर्घटना

२६४९: श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि १० अप्रैल, १९५४ को बिन्ध्य प्रदेश में रीवा से २० मील दूर, सतना में हिन्द प्राविन्सल फ्लाईंग क्लब का एक विमान गिर पड़ा जिसके फलस्वरूप उसके चालक तथा यात्री की तत्काल मृत्यु हो गई; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो दुर्घटना के कारण क्या थे ?

**The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur)**: (a) Yes, Sir.