

DRAINAGE AND FLOOD WORKS IN PUNJAB

*2489-A. **Shri Hem Raj**: will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Punjab Government have approached the Centre for subsidy for drainage and flood works; and

(b) if so, with what result?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A grant of Rs. 5 lakhs in 1953-54 and of Rs. 3.5 lakhs in 1954-55 have been sanctioned.

Shri Hem Raj: In view of the growing menace of water-logging in canal irrigated areas and flood destruction by rivers, do the Central Government propose to adopt a liberal attitude in this regard?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: The Government has always adopted a very liberal attitude towards Punjab and its water-logging

NATIONAL PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE

*2489-B. **Shri Radha Raman** : (a) Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state when the National Productivity Centre at Bombay is expected to be opened and what is its estimated cost?

(b) Are some experts from abroad expected to work in this Centre?

The Minister of Labour (Shri V. V. Giri): (a) The Centre is expected to start functioning during the current year. It is estimated that it will involve a non-recurring expenditure of Rs. 16,000/- and a recurring expenditure of Rs. 1,55,000/- per year.

(b) Yes.

Shri Radha Raman : May I know what is the nature of work that this centre is going to undertake and what will be its present strength of staff?

Shri V. V. Giri: It was recommended in the first Five Year Plan that the

team of productivity experts should be invited under the technical assistance programme and that it should be charged with the responsibility of training sufficient number of officers from Government, industry and trade unions in developing methods of productivity.

Shri Radha Raman: May I know, in view of the answer given by the hon. Minister that foreign experts will be invited, what will be their strength for the period for which they are invited?

Shri V. V. Giri : To start with, the proposed centre will have one Director, four senior and two junior experts, of whom two experts should be Indians and the rest foreign.

Shri Mohiuddin: Has the productivity mission suggested that a small textile mill may be placed at its disposal for experiment and, if so, what action has Government taken?

Shri V. V. Giri: I would like to have notice of that question.

Mr. Speaker: There should be no noise. I am unable to hear. I have asked hon. Members a number of time not to carry on talks.

AIRCRAH NEAR DUM DUM

*2490. **Shri Raghuramalah**: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a non-scheduled cargo passenger plane crashed near Dum Dum Airport on the 30th April, 1954; and

(b) the loss of life and property involved?

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

(b) 5 persons lost their lives and the aircraft was destroyed by fire.

Shri Raghuramalah: May I know whether it is not a fact that about two years ago, within a mile of the same spot, a night plane crashed, and may I