

**FIRE-FIGHTERS AT AIRPORTS**

\*360. **Shri Muniswamy:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the airports in India are equipped with fire-fighters; and

(b) in which of the airports the latest type of fire-fighters are provided and of what capacity?

**The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) All the aerodromes through which scheduled air transport services are operating have been provided with essential fire-fighting equipment.

(b) I lay on the Table a statement giving the required information. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 1.]

**Shri Muniswamy:** May I know, when these airports were equipped with these fire-fighters?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** I cannot give the exact dates but the 'Pyrene' and 'Foamite' have been obtained recently; the others have been there for some time.

**Shri Muniswamy:** May I know whether these fire-fighters were imported from foreign countries?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** Yes, Sir.

**Shri Muniswamy:** From which country?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** 'Pyrene' comes from the United Kingdom, as far as I know.

**Shri Jalpal Singh:** Are Government satisfied that the equipment that is there now is up to the I.C.A.O. standards?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** 'Pyrene' and 'Foamite', of course, are up to the I.C.A.O. standards. The latest fire-fighting equipment is always advantageous if we can get it.

**CENTRAL SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD**

\*361. **Shri S. N. Das:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the programme of work that the Central Soil Conservation Board has

decided to take up for the present; and

(b) the estimated recurring and non-recurring expenditure on this account?

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

(a) The programme will be considered by the Board in consultation with State Governments.

(b) No estimates have yet been made.

**Shri S. N. Das:** May I know whether the State Governments have been asked to submit their schemes to the Central Government, and whether any schemes have been received so far?

**Shri M. V. Krishnappa:** We have sent a notification last month to all the State Governments asking them to submit their schemes regarding soil conservation. Some State Governments have responded and some others have written that they are framing their schemes and will send them very soon.

**Shri S. N. Das:** May I know the names of the States which have submitted their schemes so far?

**Shri M. V. Krishnappa:** I want notice, Sir.

**Shri S. N. Das:** May I know whether the Central Board has considered the question of giving subsidies to the various State Governments for the purpose?

**Shri M. V. Krishnappa:** That is the reason why we have asked the State Governments to submit their schemes to us. I would like to bring to the notice of the hon. Member that in the next two years of the Five Year Plan we intend to spend Rs. 1 crore for these schemes and that is why we have asked the State Governments to submit their schemes to the Centre.

**Shri M. L. Dwivedi:** Has the Uttar Pradesh Government submitted any scheme, and, if so, what is the nature of the work that is being done there?