

Shri Sanganna: May I know whether the Government are aware that there is difference of pay and also in the matter of other facilities among the station masters and the assistant station masters working in the stations on the Raipur-Waltair line?

Shri Alagesan: If it relates to station masters and assistant station masters, certainly there will be differences of pay scales.

COMMODITY COMMITTEES

*1537. **Shri T. Subrahmanyam:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to start commodity committees for *jowar*, *bajra* and pulses; and

(b) the steps that have been taken to give technical assistance to the growers of these foodgrains?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) No.

(b) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research has been promoting and co-ordinating agricultural research, among other things, on these commodities. It sponsors research schemes in conjunction with the State Governments which are responsible for conveying the results of research to the farmers, through demonstration and by disseminating such results through agricultural information literature.

Shri T. Subrahmanyam: What States have agricultural research stations carrying on research to improve the seed both for resisting disease and producing better type of grain?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: These experiments in these directions are made in almost every State; they also evolve better seeds so far as these commodities are concerned.

मिट्टी परीक्षण केन्द्र

*१५३८. श्री बी० पी० सिंह : क्या सच तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारत में

१६ मिट्टी परीक्षण केन्द्र स्थापित किये जा रहे हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो ये कहां कहां होंगे और इन में से प्रत्येक का क्षेत्राधिकार क्या होगा ;

(ग) किसान इन केन्द्रों से कैसे लाभ उठा सकेंगे ; और

(घ) क्या किसानों को अपनी मिट्टी का परीक्षण कराने के लिये कोई फीस बेनी पड़ेगी ?

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

(b) These are under consideration.

(c) By getting their soils tested and obtaining expert advice regarding the kind and dosages of fertilisers to be applied to crops to obtain best results.

(d) This has not been decided yet.

श्री बी० पी० सिंह : मैं जानना चाहता हूं कि यह जो केन्द्र स्थापित किये जा रहे हैं, इन की स्थापना पर जो व्यय होगा उसका सारा भार भारत सरकार उठायेगी या प्रान्तीय सरकारों से भी कोई कंट्रीब्यूशन लिया जायगा ?

श्री पी० एस्० वृंशमुख : यह जो ऑपरेशंस होंगे इसमें एग्रीमेंट के मुताबिक जो खर्चा आयेगा उसके लिये काफी इमदान बाहर से आयेगी और स्टेट गवर्नमेंट्स पर उसका ज्यादा भार नहीं पड़ेगा ।

WEST COAST ROAD

*1539. **Shri Kottukappally:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) which portions of the National Highway between Cape Comorin and Bombay have yet to be completed;

(b) when the construction of this National Highway will be completed; and

(c) the names of the important places through which this Highway will pass?