

(क) भूमि के सुधार के हेतु तकावी के आधार पर उपयोग के लिये, सरकार द्वारा भाग 'ग' राज्यों को (प्रति राज्य) अब तक कितने ट्रैक्टर मांगे दिये गये हैं, और

(ख) अब तक इन ट्रैक्टरों द्वारा कितनी भूमि का (प्रति राज्य) सुधार किया गया है ?

#### TRACTORS TO PART 'C' STATES

[\*366. Shri R. S. Tiwari: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) how many tractors have been given so far by Government to Part 'C' States (Statewise) on loan, for use on the *Taccavi* basis, for reclaiming land; and

(b) how much land has been reclaimed (Statewise) by these tractors so far?]

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) The Central Government does not issue or loan tractors to the States. It gives grants and loans of money to enable them to give *taccavi* to cultivators for purchasing tractors or for setting up State run tractor units. The loans given for financing the grant of *taccavi* are:

Ajmer	Rs.	90,000
Bhopal	Rs.	9,00,000
Vindhya Pradesh	Rs.	2,50,000

(b) The information is not readily available. It will be placed on the Table of the House when available.

#### PRODUCTION OF SUGAR CANE

\*367. Prof. Agarwal: (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the total area in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh which has been diverted from the production of foodgrains to sugarcane as a result of Government's policy regarding the sale of free sugar?

(b) What steps are Government now taking to ensure that sugarcane is not grown beyond the minimum national requirements?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) The Sugarcane acreages in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, which are the main sugar producing States were 24 lakhs 95 thousand and 4 lakhs 11 thousand

acres respectively in 1950-51 against the estimated figures of 26 lakhs 90 thousand and 3 lakhs 54 thousand acres in 1951-52. The increase in Uttar Pradesh represents the limit of the diversion from foodgrains to sugarcane but it was due not so much to the prices paid to the cultivators for sugarcane for free market sugar as to the high prices obtainable by cultivators for *gur*.

(b) It is not possible to plan exactly that the production in a particular year should not exceed the requirements of that year, for while the acreage can be regulated, the yield depends on weather conditions and cannot be predicted a year in advance. *Gur* prices fell this season and that will bring about adjustment, and it is also my intention to reconsider the sugarcane prices for the next season so as to prevent maladjustment as much as possible.

#### PAKISTAN SPIES

\*368. Shri Dhusiya: (a) Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state what is the number of Pakistan spies who have so far been detected and detained in West-Bengal, Assam, Bihar and U.P. respectively?

(b) How many of them are men and how many women?

The Minister of Home Affairs and States (Dr. Katju): (a) and (b). It will not be in the public interest to answer this question.

#### IMPORT OF LOCOMOTIVES FROM GERMANY

\*369. Shri Vittal Rao: (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state how many locomotive engines have been received from West German firm, Krans Haffel so far out of the order placed for 135 Locomotive engines during 1951?

(b) What is the cost of each engine?

(c) Does the same compare favourably with the cost of Locomotives ordered from other foreign countries?

(d) If the answer to part (c) above be in the negative, what are the reasons that weighed with the Government to place the order?

(e) Do Government propose to lay a copy of the agreement on the Table of the House?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): (a) 10 'YP' Locomotives.

(b) The locomotives ordered by the Government of India from Messrs. Krauss Maffei in 1951 with the price of each is as follows:—

50 YP Class Metre Gauge	@ £ 17,850/-fob
15 ZE Class Narrow Gauge	@ £ 14,180/-fob
15 ZB Class Narrow Gauge	@ £ 11,215/-fob
5 ZF Class Narrow Gauge	@ £ 10,358/-fob.

(c) Yes.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) No, but arrangements will be made for the hon. Member to see a copy of the contract should he so desire.

#### SUPPLY OF FOODGRAINS TO WEST BENGAL

\*370. **Shri N. B. Chowdhury:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) how much quantity of foodgrains has the Government of West Bengal demanded from the Government of India for the year 1952;

(b) whether any quantity has already been allotted to the State; and

(c) what quantity of rice is going to be supplied to West Bengal during the year, 1952?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai):** (a) The Government of West Bengal declared a deficit of 8.55 lakh tons of foodgrains for 1952 in February, 1952.

(b) Upto May, 3.51 lakh tons of foodgrains have been actually allotted to West Bengal.

(c) This cannot be definitely stated at present.

#### MANGALORE-HASSAN RAILWAY LINE

\*371. **Shri B. Shiva Rao:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representations have been received urging Government to undertake the construction of the Mangalore-Hassan Railway; and

(b) whether there is any prospect of such construction being undertaken in the near future?

**The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri):** (a) Yes.

(b) The project was considered by the Central Board of Transport in January 1950 and it was decided that it should be held over for the present. The proposal can be considered only after the Central Board of Transport has approved of it.

#### MAJOR PORT

\*372. **Shri B. Shiva Rao:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether any final decision has been reached in regard to the construction of a major port on the west coast between Bombay and Cochin; and

(b) if not, when such a decision is likely to be reached?

**The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) In view of certain inadequacies in the report in regard to Malpe and the prevailing financial stringency, consideration of the question of the need for, and the siting of, a major port on the coast between Mormugao and Cochin has been deferred for the present. The question of undertaking a more thorough examination of the economic and engineering aspects of the project will be considered when the financial position improves. In the meantime, the Government of Madras have been advised to consider the possibility of improving the minor port of Mangalore. To this end, model experiments are being carried out in the Research Station at Poona.

#### ALL-INDIA WOMEN'S FOOD COUNCIL

\*373. **Shrimati A. Kale:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state what is the total amount spent by Government so far for subsidising the activities of the All India Women's Food Council?

(b) How far has it helped to solve the cereal shortage in the country?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai):** (a) The amounts spent by the Government on the activities of the All-India Women's Food Council are as below:—

1950-51	Rs. 68,714-7-9
1951-52	.. 1,49,522-8-0
1952-53 (from 1st April, 1952 to 21st May, 1952)	.. 22,916-5-6

Rs. 2,41,153-5-3