

TRACTOR TESTING STATION

*529. { Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:
Shri Randaman Singh:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the U.K. Government have recently deputed Mr. S. J. Wright, Agricultural Adviser to the Ford Motor Company and Consulting Engineer to the Royal Agricultural Society under the Technical Co-operation Scheme of the Colombo Plan to advise the Government of India on the setting up of a Tractor Testing Station in India; and

(b) if so, the nature of advice tendered by him and when the station is proposed to be set up?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) Yes.

(b) The services of Mr. Wright have been obtained under the Colombo Plan to advise the Ministry of Food and Agriculture regarding setting up of a Tractor Testing Station. Mr. Wright joined on 31st January, 1955 and is studying the situation. It is not possible at this stage to say when the Tractor Testing Station will be set up. A detailed plan will be prepared after a complete report from Mr. Wright has been received.

STATE TRADING IN SUGAR

*530. Shri K. C. Sodhia: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether in view of the profits made as a result of the State trading in sugar, Government propose to continue the Scheme?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): The State trading in sugar is being continued not for the sake of any profits but to ensure adequate supplies of sugar at reasonable prices.

WHEAT PRODUCTION

*531. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity of wheat produced in the year 1954;

(b) whether the maximum limit fixed under the Five Year Plan has been reached; and

(c) if so, the quantity in tons produced?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) to (c). A statement giving the relevant information is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 42].

METEOROLOGICAL WARNINGS TO FISHERMEN

*532. Shri S. C. Samanta: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) what arrangements have been made to forewarn the fishermen of coastal areas about impending bad weather before they set out for fishing;

(b) whether fishermen will get information directly from the Meteorological Department or through some agency; and

(c) the names of the ports that will be immediately benefited by these arrangements?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) to (c). A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 43].

HILL ALLOWANCE TO RAILWAY EMPLOYEES

*533. Shri Hem Raj: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representations have been received for the payment of Hill and Compensatory allowances to the railway employees of Simla and the Kangra Valley Section of the Northern Railway; and

(b) if so, the decisions taken thereon?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) Yes.