

(c) As stated in reply to part (b), a traffic survey is being carried out for the Sambalpur-Titilagarh line only with a view to pass the traffic prospects of this project. This survey is estimated to cost Rs. 14,876/- and is expected to be completed in April, 1955.

NUTRITIVE VALUE OF SUGAR AND JAGGERY

*922. **Shri Jhunjhunwala:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state what is the comparative nutritive value of refined sugar and jaggery?

The Minister of Health (Rajkumari Amrit Kaur): Jaggery is ore nutritious than refined sugar as it contains small quantities of minerals (such as calcium and iron) and vitamins, (Carotene, precursor of vitamin 'A' and nicotinic acid), whereas refined sugar consists mostly of sucrose.

ACCIDENT IN UNION ANGARPATHRA COLLIERY

*923. **Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to refer to the reply given to starred question No. 221 on the 19th November, 1954 and state:

(a) whether Messrs. Williamson Magor and Co. Ltd., acting as the Managing Agents of the Union Angarpathra Colliery, Jharia, have replied to the notice issued by Government;

(b) if so, the nature of their reply; and

(c) what further action Government propose to take in the matter?

The Minister of Labour (Shri Khadubhai Desai): (a) Yes.

(b) The Managing Director of the Company has replied that neither the manager nor the directors can in any way be blamed for the accident because the roof fall was purely accidental and was not brought about by any 'latches or negligence'.

(c) Criminal proceedings have been instituted against Mr. C. C. Sandy

Lumsdaine, who is the Managing Director of both the firms viz. Messrs. Union Coal Ltd., the owners and Messrs. Williamson Magor and Co. Ltd., the Managing Agents.

INDIAN RAILWAY OFFICERS DELEGATION TO EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

*924. { **Shri Sarangadhar Das:**
Shri Dabhi:
Sardar Hukam Singh:
Shri M. L. Agrawal:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the steps Government propose to take to implement the various recommendations made by the three man Indian Railway Delegation which undertook a study tour of the Railways of the European Countries last year?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): Some of the recommendations have already been implemented and others are under examination.

WOMEN LABOUR

*925. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the restrictions on employment of women labour are not being enforced in many factories, cottage industries and plantations; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take in the matter?

The Minister of Labour (Shri Khadubhai Desai): (a) Government have no information.

(b) Does not arise.

ENHANCEMENT IN FREIGHT RATE

*926. **Shri Raghunath Singh:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cost of transport of merchandise by sea from Bombay and Madras to the Far East has been increased by ten per cent from the 1st February, 1955;

(b) if so, the reasons for enhancing the freight rate?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Yes.

(b) The reason for this general increase is stated to be the steady rise in operational costs caused by several factors such as increased wages, increased cost of stores, fuel oil, etc. and delays to vessels at Ports.

मुर्गी पालन विकास केंद्र

*१२७. श्री नवल प्रभाकर : क्या स्थाय तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) अंतिम परियोजना के अन्तर्गत अभी तक देश में कितने मुर्गी पालन विकास केंद्र खोले गए हैं;

(ख) यह केंद्र किन किन राज्यों में खोले गये हैं, और

(ग) इन केंद्रों में अभी तक कितनी प्रगति हुई है ?

स्थाय तथा कृषि मंत्री (श्री ए० पी० जैन) :
(क) कोई नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न उत्पन्न नहीं होता ।

(ग) उत्तर प्रदेश, पंजाब, उड़ीसा, पश्चिमी बंगाल, बम्बई, मध्य प्रदेश, मद्रास, बिहार, मध्य भारत, आसाम, मैसूर, त्रावनकोर कोचीन तथा हैदराबाद के विशेषकर चुने हुए क्षेत्रों में १५ केंद्रों की स्थापना की स्वीकृति दी गयी है । भारतीय पशु चिकित्सा अनुसन्धान संस्था द्वारा सम्बन्धित राज्यों को वितरण के लिये १०,००० मुर्गी के बच्चे का पालन पोषण किया गया है । वे राज्य भारतीय पशु चिकित्सा अनुसन्धान संस्था के मुर्गी अनुसन्धान विभाग के मुख्याधिकारी के साथ बातचीत करके केंद्रों का चुनाव कर रहे हैं ।

IMPORT OF WHEAT FROM U.S.A.

*१२८. Shri R. N. Singh: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of wheat pur-

chased from U.S.A. during the year 1954;

(b) whether there is any proposal to buy some more wheat in the near future;

(c) if so, how much; and

(d) the price at which it will be purchased?

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

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The quantity would depend upon the requirement, which can be definitely assessed only after the extent of this year's production is known.

(d) Subject to India's obligation under the International Wheat Agreement at the most advantageous price.

CENTRAL FARM AT BHOPAL

*१२९. Th. Jugal Kishore Sinha:
{ Seth Govind Das:

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

(a) the total number of persons who have been sent from Travancore-Cochin State to Bhopal for colonisation there;

(b) the number among them who have been properly settled;

(c) whether there is any proposal to send more families there; and

(d) what facilities are provided to such families?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) 74 persons.

(b) None so far, as they arrived only last month.

(c) It is proposed to get another batch of 100 persons from Travancore-Cochin. Families of all the settlers would also come to Bhopal in due course.

(d) In addition to the proposed allocation of land to the settlers the following facilities are provided:—