

(b) the total price paid for them?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) About 1·97 lakh tons of wheat. No wheat flour was imported.

(b) About Rs. 628 lakhs.

FOREST LABOURERS' COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES

***1497. Shri Randaman Singh:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sanctioned any amount for the development of Forest Labourers' Co-operative Societies;

(b) if so, the amount sanctioned so far for this purpose; and

(c) how it is proposed to be utilised?

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

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

IMPORT OF SUGAR

***1500. Dr. Satyawadi:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the reply given to starred question No. 66 on the 23rd February, 1955 and state the total amount collected as security deposit from the Indian and foreign firms through whom sugar was imported during 1953-54?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): Rs. 26·19 lakhs.

SUGAR REFINERIES

***1502. Dr. J. N. Parekh:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the *per capita* production and consumption of sugar in India from 1951 to 1954; and

(b) whether the country's demand for refined sugar will be met by the two refineries set up at Bombay and Saurashtra?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) A statement giving the required information in respect of sugar as well as *gur* and *bhadsari* is laid on the Table of the

Lok Sabha, [See Appendix VII, annexure No. 57.]

(b) No refineries have yet been set up. The question of permitting the establishment of one or two refineries is under consideration.

KACHA ROADS IN TRIPURA

***1503. Shri Biren Dutt:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to refer to the reply given to starred question No. 572 on the 6th September, 1954 and state:

(a) the number of *Kacha* roads that still remain to be metalled in Agartala town (Tripura);

(b) when these roads are expected to be taken up for metalling; and

(c) the difficulties which stand in the way of road construction work in the town?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

BONGAIGAON AND FAKIRAGRAM STATIONS

***1505. Shri Brohmo-Choudhury:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 785 on the 15th December, 1954 and state the present position of the remodelling of Bongaigaon and Fakiragram Stations and Yards?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): The estimates for the works in question are under finalisation and expected to be sanctioned shortly after which the work will be taken in hand.

POLL TAX

***1506. Pandit D. N. Tiwary:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the inhabitants of Pahleza Ghat and its neighbourhood have to pay -/4/- (four annas) or more per head for crossing over to Digha Ghat or Mahendru Ghat on the North Eastern Railway; and

(b) if so, the total amount realised on this account in 1953 and 1954?