workers to be sponsored by Government through Bharat Sevak Samaj along with its financial implications; and

(b) whether any stipends would be paid to the trainees and if so, how much?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) and (b). Ministry of Food and Agriculture have no proposal for the training of Lady Village Level Workers through Bharat Sevak Samaj. However, a scheme has recently been sanctioned for the establishment of Home Economics Departments in the States for imparting training to Women Village Level Workers. A Statement giving the essential features of the scheme as also its financial implications is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix XII, annexure No. 54.]

MALDA AERODROME

*2681. Shri S. M. Ghose: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the work of construction of an aerodrome in Malda will commence during the current year;
- (b) if so, how long it will take to complete it?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). The West Bengal Government have been asked to acquire the land required for the construction of an aerodrome at Malda and the project is expected to be completed in 8 months after the land has been acquired and taken possession of.

चीनी की मिलें

•२६८८. ठाकुर चुगल किस्तोर सिंह: क्या
लाच तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृषा
करीं कि:

(क) क्या निकट भविष्य में विद्वार राज्य से किसी अन्य ग्रन्थ में किसी चीनी मिल को हटाने का कोई प्रस्काव हैं। और (स) यदि हां, तौ क्या मिल मालिकाँ न उससे अपनी सहमति प्रगटकी हैं?

साद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री (श्री ए० पी० बॅन):

- (क) जी नहीं।
- (ख) सवाल होता ही नहीं।

CANCER

*2693. Shrimati Ila Palchoudhury: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government to educate the rural population of this country in regard to symptoms and dangers of the dreadful disease of Cancer; and
- (b) if so, the nature of the proposal?

The Deputy Minister of Health (Shrimati Chandrasekhar): (a) and (b). The Health Education Bureau will certainly take up the work of educating the rural population also in regard to Cancer.

Co-operative Societies of Postal Employees

*2695. Thakur Jugal Kishore Sinha: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state what special facilities are given by Government to encourage and develop the Co-operative Societies of the Postal employees?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix XII, annexure No. 55.]

FOOD IMPORTS

*2697. Shri Ibrahim: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been a fall in the import of foodgrains and foodstuffs during the period July to October, 1954; and
- (b) if so, the total value of imports from the Dollar and Sterling areas, during the above period separately?