

गन्ने की खेती

*६३६. श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : क्या खाद्य और कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि जर्मन फेडरल गणतन्त्र का एक प्रतिनिधि मंडल मई १९५५ में काश्मीर आया था; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो गन्ने की खेती के बारे में उसने क्या सुझाव दिये ?

खाद्य और कृषि मंत्री (श्री ए० पी० जैन) (क) और (ख) जर्मन फेडरल गणतन्त्र के भारत में आये हुये व्यापारिक प्रतिनिधि मंडल के कुछ सदस्य गत मई में काश्मीर गये । उन्होंने गन्ने की खेती के बारे में कोई भी सुझाव नहीं दिये किन्तु चीनी वाले चुकन्दरों (शगर-बीट) की कुछ किस्मों के बीज राज्य में खेतों में जमाइश करने के लिये दिये थे ।

Private Railways

*942. **Shri S. L. Saksena** : Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Government propose to take over the Railway lines which are at present being operated by Messrs. Martin & Co. Calcutta and nationalise them ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan) : No, Sir.

'Price Support' Policy

*946. **Shri P. Ramaswamy** : Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 66 on the 26th July, 1955 and state the plan for the disposal of food grains purchased by Government under the 'Price Support' Policy ?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain) : The entire quantity of gram purchased under the Price Support Policy has been issued to the State Governments either for distribution in the flood-affected areas or for departmental use. Certain stocks of jowar and wheat have also been issued to the State Governments for flood and scarcity affected areas. Balance stocks of jowar are being disposed of by inviting tenders. Wheat, however, is being kept in the Central Reserve for issue later, during the lean period of the crop year.

Co-operative Societies

*955. **Shri Dasaratha Deb** : Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state :

(a) the number of co-operative societies registered in Tripura so far ;

(b) the number still to be registered ;

(c) whether it is a fact that no co-operative societies formed by the Tribal people have been registered so far ; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor ?

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

(b) Thirty two.

(c) No.

(d) Does not arise.

Bombay-Delhi Air Service

*958. **Shri H. G. Vaishnav** : Will the Minister of Communication be pleased to state.

(a) the average number of passengers travelling at present by the new Air Route viz. Bombay Chikalthana-Indore-Agra and Delhi and vice versa; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to run this service daily instead of tri-weekly as at present ?

The Deputy Minister of Home Affairs (Shri Datar) : (a) I lay on the Table of the Lok Sabha a statement giving required information. [See Appendix VI, annexure No. 20]

(b) the growth of traffic on the route is being carefully watched by the Indian Airlines Corporation and they intend to increase the frequency to accommodate any increase in traffic.

Ferry Service

*963. **Shri Gidwani** : Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Ferry Service worked by the Southern Railway between Dhanushkodi and Talaimanar, connecting India with Ceylon has been working at a loss for some years;

(b) if so, the net loss incurred on this service during 1954-55; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to eliminate the possibility of losses on this service ?

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