

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain) : (a) The position at present in regard to construction of godowns is as follows :

- (i) Accommodation constructed lakh tons and owned by Government . 2.3
- (ii) Construction in progress . 0.27
- (iii) Plans and Estimates finalised and construction due to start 1.93

(b) Upto the end of September 1955, a total sum of Rs. 153.19 lakhs has been sanctioned. Details of actual expenditure incurred against the sanction will be available in due course.

All India Co-operative Congress

*513. { **Thakur Jugal Kishore Sinha :**
Babu Ramnarayan Singh :
Shri Asthana :

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state what steps have been taken for implementation by Government of the recommendations of the Patna Session of the All India Co-operative Congress regarding the limited functions and nominations of the representatives of Bihar Government on the State Co-operative Bank and the recognition of the All India Co-operative Union as the authoritative body for the education and training of Co-operative officers and workers ?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain) : The Resolution related to the whole of India and was considered by the Conference of State Ministers held in April, 1955. It recommended that Government's nomination on the Board of Directors of a State partnered institution should not ordinarily exceed one-third and should not lead to interference with the day to day administration of the Society. This resolution was communicated to all State Governments including Bihar.

The All India Co-operative Union is being given representation on the Central Committee for Co-operative training and the programme of training of office-bearers and members of Co-operative Societies is being drawn up in consultation with the All-India Co-operative Union.

Pisciculture

*519. **Shri V. P. Nayar :** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1794 on the 6th September, 1955 and state :

- (a) whether the Government of

India have set any targets for raising the fish yield by pisciculture ; and

(b) if so, what are the quantities assigned to the various States in this regard ?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain) : (a) No definite targets.

(b) Does not arise.

Employees' State Insurance Scheme

*520. **Dr. Satyawadi :** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 536 on the 8th August, 1955 and state whether any final decision has since been taken for extending the benefits of the Employees' State Insurance Scheme to the families of insured workers ?

The Minister of Labour (Shri Khandubhai Desai) : No, Sir.

Tankers

*524. **Ch. Raghurib Singh :** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1483 on the 6th September, 1955 and state the steps so far taken by Government for the acquisition of a nucleus fleet of two medium-sized tankers ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan) : The Government have already taken a decision to acquire a nucleus fleet of two tankers and they are at present having further discussions with the parties concerned in regard to the best manner of implementing this decision. The possibility of starting an Indian tanker owning company in the private sector is also being investigated in this connection. It is hoped that these preliminary investigations and discussions will be concluded before the end of December 1955, when steps will be taken to acquire the two tankers.

Dum Dum Airport Incident

*527. **Shri Jhulan Sinha :** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a statement in the brochure published by the Secretary, Indian Chamber of Commerce, Calcutta with the caption "Nationalisation of Indian Airlines", about the incident at the Dum Dum Airport on April 26 this year where the pilot of the aeroplane concerned became untraceable at the time of taking off and another one had to be called back from his flight over half-way to Gauhati ; and