

have been placed. It is expected that 189 engines will be received during the next Plan period, and out of that, 24 locomotives are to be allotted to this particular region.

#### Water Supply Schemes in Assam

\*480. **Shri Debendra Nath Sarma:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state the total amount proposed to be granted to Assam in the Second Five year Plan for rural water supply and urban water-supply schemes?

**The Deputy Minister of Health (Shrimati Chandrasekhar):** Allocation of funds to various States for their Water Supply Schemes will be made from year to year and not as a block grant for the entire Second Five Year Plan period. For the year 1956-57, the Government of Assam will be allotted a sum of Rs. 4 lakhs as grant-in-aid for rural and Rs. 5 lakhs as loan for urban Schemes.

**Shri Debendra Nath Sarma:** The hon. Minister has said that the grant for the water supply schemes will be made from year to year and that Rs 4,00,000 has been allotted for Assam out of a total allotment of Rs. 53 crores in the Second Five Year Plan period. As such, is not Assam entitled to get at least a minimum sum of Rs. 20,00,000 annually? May I know the reason for this decrease? Why is this anomaly there?

**Shrimati Chandrasekhar:** I could only hear the word "anomaly" out of that question; I did not hear anything else.

**Shri Debendra Nath Sarma:** May I repeat my question?

**Mr. Speaker:** Now the question hour is over.

#### WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

##### राष्ट्रीय कृषि ऋण निधि

\*481. **श्री नारायण दास:** क्या साख और कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या भारत सरकार ने प्रखिल भारतीय ग्रामीण ऋण सर्वेक्षण की रिपोर्ट में की गई सिफारिश के अनुसार राष्ट्रीय कृषि ऋण (सहायता और प्रत्याभूति) निधि की स्थापना की है ;

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो इस निधि की स्थापना का प्रश्न इस समय किस अवस्था में है ;

(ग) क्या भारत सरकार ने विभिन्न राज्यों में इसी प्रकार की निधियों की स्थापना के बारे में राज्य सरकारों से परामर्श किया है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो उस का क्या परिणाम निकला है ?

**साख और कृषि मंत्री (श्री छ० प्र० जैन):** (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) यह फैसला किया गया है कि राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर ऐसी निधि की प्रलम्ब स्थापना करने की जरूरत नहीं है । लेकिन जरूरत होने पर राज्य सरकारों को अपने साधनों की पूर्ति के लिये केन्द्रीय सरकार के वर्तमान साधनों से सहायता उपलब्ध होगी ।

(घ) जी हां ।

(घ) राज्य सरकारों ने "राज्य कृषि ऋण (सहायता और प्रत्याभूति) निधि" की स्थापना करना मान लिया है और अपनी दूसरी पंचवर्षीय योजनाओं में सहकारी विकास के लिये प्रावश्यक वित्त सहायता की व्यवस्था की है ।

#### Wheat from U. S. A.

\*449. { **Shri Bhagwat Jha Asad :**  
**Pandit D. N. Tiwary :**

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

(a) whether the Government of India are negotiating with United States Government for obtaining surplus U. S. wheat supplies ; and

(b) if so, at what stage is the matter ?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain):** (a) and (b) : Yes, Sir, talks have been going on between the representatives of the two Governments but no final decision has yet been reached.

#### Telco Locomotives

\*450. **Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 153 on the 22nd February, 1956 and state :

(a) whether the Tariff Commission have since submitted their report regarding the prices to be paid for the locomotives manufactured by Telco ;