

Grading of Agricultural Commodities

*735. { **Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad :**
Dr. Ram Subhag Singh :

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether Government propose to examine the question of revising specifications in regard to grading of agricultural commodities for export ?

The Deputy Minister of Food (Shri M. V. Krishnappa) : There is no such proposal under consideration.

Bhakra Reservoir

*736. **Shri D. C. Sharma :** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state what will be the storage capacity of the Bhakra Reservoir when it is completed ?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi) : The gross storage capacity of the Bhakra Reservoir on its completion will be 7.400 million acre feet. The live storage capacity will be 5.725 million acre feet.

Delhi Transport Service Authority

*737. { **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh :**
Shri Dabhi :
Shri Ram Krishan :

Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state :

(a) whether the 20th Report of the Public Accounts Committee of Parliament has revealed certain loopholes in the fields of operations and management of the Delhi Road Transport Authority ; and

(b) if so, what action has since been taken or is contemplated to meet the same ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan) : (a) and (b). The observations of the Public Accounts Committee relate to the position revealed by the Accounts of the Delhi Road Transport Authority for the years 1950-51 to 1953-54. Considerable improvements have been effected in subsequent years. This is apparent from the statement of financial results laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix, III, annexure No. 67-A].

Ratings Training Institute

*738. { **Shri Bibhuti Mishra :**
Shri Matthen :

Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 993 on the 29th

March, 1956 and state when Government propose to set up a merchant navy ratings training institute at Cochin ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan) : Details of the scheme are still under consideration. It is not possible at this stage to indicate a precise date when the proposed institute will be set up.

Coach Furnishing Factory at Perambur

*739. **Shri Shivnanjappa :** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railway Board has decided to establish a coach furnishing factory near Perambur in Madras State ;

(b) if so, what is the estimated cost of the factory ;

(c) how many persons are expected to get employment ; and

(d) the annual production capacity of the factory ?

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

(b) About Rs. 370 lakhs.

(c) 2,500.

(d) 350 coaches.

Supply of Foodgrains to Kashmir

*740. **Shri Ramachandra Reddi :** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1711, on the 3rd September, 1956 and state :

(a) the landing cost per maund of rice or wheat supplied to Jammu and Kashmir Government in 1954-55 and 1955-56 by the Government of India ; and

(b) the amount incurred by way of subsidy ?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh) : (a) Supplies were made from Central Government stocks direct and also through the trade by calling for tenders. The actual prices varied between different consignments. The average price per maund for wheat and rice worked out as follows :—

Year	Commodity	Average cost per maund	
1954-55	Wheat	Rs. 14/13/-	F.O.R. station of despatch.
Do.	Rice	Rs. 17/10/-	F.O.R. Pathankot.
1955-56	Rice	Rs. 18/14/-	F.O.R. Pathankot.