

(c) The complaints are mostly against the behaviour of the operating staff. Each case is being enquired into and appropriate action as called for is being taken.

Medicine for Leucoderma

23. **Shri E. Madhusudan Rao:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 82 on the 21st November, 1961 and state:

(a) whether any enquiry has been made regarding the medicine invented by the Ayurvedic experts of Patiala for leucoderma;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government will popularise the medicine.

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) to (c). The Government of Punjab have been requested to carry out the necessary investigations and clinical trials with the medicine that is claimed to cure leucoderma. When details are available, Government will take further necessary action in the matter.

Civil Aerodrome Near Ghaziabad

24. **Shri E. Madhusudan Rao:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has since been taken by Government regarding the construction of a civil aerodrome near Ghaziabad for Delhi; and

(b) if so, details about the land purchased, cost of the scheme and the time by which it will be constructed?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Mohiuddin): (a) The question whether a new Civil Aerodrome should be constructed near Ghaziabad for Delhi is still under consideration.

(b) Does not arise.

Prices of Fertilizers

25. **Shri E. Madhusudan Rao:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently taken any decision to reduce the prices of fertilizers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri S. K. Patil): (a) Yes.

(b). The prices before and after the reduction are given in the statement laid on the Table. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 10].

Afro-Asian Rural Reconstruction Organisation

26. { Shri D. N. Tiwary;
Shri Raghunath Singh;
Shri Rameshwar Tandia:

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

(a) whether the Indian Government have agreed to join the Afro-Asian Rural Reconstruction Organisation set up recently in Cairo;

(b) if so, whether Indian representatives for the above organisation have been selected; and

(c) the precise function of this organisation?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri S. K. Patil): (a) The question has not been considered so far as no invitation has been received.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Community Development and Cooperation

27. **Shri Shree Narayan Das:** Will the Minister of Community Development, Panchayat Raj and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been decided to set up a Committee at the Central level to co-ordinate and review the

working of pilot projects for the implementation of community development programmes with the co-operation of voluntary organisations and Panchayati Raj institutions; and

(b) if so, the nature of its constitution, scope and functions?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Community Development, Panchayati Raj and Cooperation (Shri B. S. Murthy): (a) and (b). The question of constituting a Committee at the Union level to review the working of the pilot projects for rural development in collaboration with the Akhil Bharat Sarva Seva Sangh in Gramdan areas, is at present under consideration of the Government of India. There is no proposal to start any other pilot projects for the implementation of Community Development Programme.

River Board for Krishna and Godavari

28. Shri Rameshwar Tantia: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1349 on the 17th August, 1961 and state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Government have conveyed to the Government of India their disapproval of the proposal to set up a River Board for Krishna and Godavari river valleys; and

(b) if so, the alternatives Government propose to consider?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Hafiz Mohammad Ibrahim): (a). The Government of Andhra Pradesh have not yet agreed to the proposal to set up a River Board for the Krishna-Godavari basin.

(b). The matter is under correspondence with the State Governments concerned.

Ports in Gujarat State

29. Shri Raghunath Singh: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state the steps

being taken by the Central Government to develop 10 intermediate and 40 minor ports of Gujarat State where the export and import of goods have increased considerably?

The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): Ports other than major Ports come within the purview of the Concurrent List of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution. The executive authority for the development of such ports vests in the State Government concerned. The Government of India provides technical advice, wherever asked for, and also financial assistance in the form of loans for the execution of development schemes included in the Central Sector of the Plan.

Schemes estimated to cost Rs. 133.50 lakhs for the development of intermediate ports in the Gujarat State have been included in the Central Sector of the Third Five Year Plan.

The Government of India are also taking steps to establish a pool of dredgers and survey launches to meet the requirements of the Minor Ports in the country. The services of the dredgers and survey launches belonging to this Pool will also be made available to the Government of Gujarat.

Cancer

30. Shri Raghunath Singh: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state whether any experiment was done in India that Biri and Hukka smoking is causing lung cancer as is proved in Wests that cigarette smoking is the cause of lung cancer?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): Investigations conducted in India indicate that heavy smoking of bidis and cigarettes may be one of the factors causing cancer of the mouth, throat and lungs.

Theft of Railway Copper Wiring

31. Shri Raghunath Singh: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state how many