

The Deputy Minister of Community Development, Panchayati and Cooperation (Shri Shyam Dhar Misra): (a) During the year 1961-62, pilot projects have been launched in 64 districts where 255 societies have come into existence. State-wise break-up is given in the statement laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 24].

(b) Seven cooperative farming wings are to be established during the year 1962-63 at the rate of one per State in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Madras, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Mysore, Rajasthan and West Bengal. The training wing for Madras State has already started functioning. In addition, seven cooperative farming wings started in other States in the year 1961-62 will continue to provide training facilities to the official and non-official workers during the year 1962-63.

(c) The programme for popularising cooperative farming includes the following important measures:—

(i) During the year 1962-63, new pilot projects will be started in 89 districts where 542 societies will be organised. In addition, a backlog of 244 societies in the pilot projects started in 1961-62 would be completed.

(ii) Besides societies in the pilot projects, 1015 farming societies are to be started in the non-pilot areas.

(iii) Study tours to successful cooperative farming societies are to be organised for members or prospective members of newly organised societies.

(iv) Village camps would be organised to propagate the idea of cooperative farming amongst the agriculturists. Popular pamphlets on the subject of cooperative farming including questions and answers will be made available to the farmers in their local language. Radio forums on various aspects of cooperative farming will

be arranged. Publication of flash cards, posters, films will be undertaken. A film on cooperative farming is nearing completion.

(v) Success stories of some cooperative farms will be published.

(vi) Procedure for sanctioning financial assistance will be decentralised. Technical assistance from the block and other staff is to be provided on a priority basis.

(vii) The Panchayati Raj institutions have been requested to help the development of cooperative farming by allotting lands vested in it to cooperative farming societies. The Panchayati Raj institutions are also to review the progress of cooperative farming, particularly at the level of the Panchayat Samiti and Zila Parishad once a quarter.

Third Class Air-Conditioned De-Luxe Coaches

2004. { Dr. P. Srinivasan:
Shri Paramasivan:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering the desirability of providing sleeper berths in Third Class air-conditioned De-Luxe coaches by re-designing them; and

(b) if so, details thereof?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shah Nawas Khan): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Madras-Delhi Janata Express

2005. { Dr. P. Srinivasan:
Shri Paramasivan:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any constant demand from the public for providing more sleeping accommodation in Madras-Delhi Janata Express; and

(b) if so, action proposed to be taken?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) There have been requests for provision of more Third Class sleeping accommodation on this train.

(b) It is proposed to provide 2-tier sitting-cum-sleeper coach service on this train as soon as such coaches become available.

Construction of Overbridges

2006. Shri Rajaram: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the public for construction of overbridges at the following Railway level crossings, viz. (i) Shevapet (Salem), (ii) Morappur (Salem) and (iii) Karuppur (Salem) in Madras State; and

(b) if not, whether Government have any proposal for construction of overbridges there?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) Yes, Sir—in respect of the level crossings at Shevapet and Karuppur only.

(b) Schemes for over/under-bridges in replacement of the existing level crossings have to be sponsored by the State Governments. Broadly, the Railway constructs the bridge proper; and the sloping approaches are constructed by the State Government. The Government of Madras has not, so far, finalised their schemes for over/under bridges in replacement of the existing level crossings during the Third Plan period. The Southern Railway Administration has, however, provisionally included in their Annual Works Programme for 1962-63, the schemes for two road over-bridges in replacement of the existing level crossings—one at mile F. 218/18-19 west of Salem

Market Station and the other at mile 203/21-22 near Karuppur. These works will be planned for execution as soon as the State Government communicate their final decision indicating the year in which they would be able to provide funds towards their share of the cost of the works, as per extant rules.

Medical College at Salem

2007. Shri Rajaram: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the number of Medical graduates in Madras State is far below the minimum requirements;

(b) whether it is proposed to establish a new medical college at Salem in the near future; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) There is a general dearth of doctors throughout the country including the Madras State but it is comparatively better served in relation to several other States.

(b) & (c). The Government of Madras have intimated to the Government of India that they have no proposal to open any new medical college during the Third Five Year Plan period on account of financial considerations and dearth of qualified teachers.

Madras-Delhi Morning Air Service

2008. Shri Rajaram: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Airlines Corporation is going to start a morning Air Service from Madras to Delhi; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that they are going to connect all the four southern States capitals i.e. Trivandrum, Bangalore and Hyderabad with Madras by new Air Services?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Mohiuddin): (a): No, Sir.

(b) Under the present pattern of Air Services, Trivandrum, Bangalore