

Central P & T Advisory Council

130. Shri Shree Narayan Das: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the extent to which it has been possible to give effect to the recommendations and suggestions made by the Central P & T Advisory Council; and

(b) the important aspects of recommendations accepted so far?

The Deputy Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri Bhagvati): (a) and (b). A statement showing the particulars of final orders issued in respect of the recommendations of the Central P & T Advisory Council is laid on the Table of the House [See Appendix I, annexure No. 18]. Other recommendations are still under examination.

Agricultural Production in Gramdan Areas

131. Shri Shree Narayan Das: Will the Minister of Community Development, Panchayati Raj and Co-operation be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme has been put into operation to render financial help to develop agricultural production in gramdan areas through co-operative societies;

(b) if so, the important features of such a scheme; and

(c) the extent to which funds allotted for the purpose have been utilised?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Community Development, Panchayati Raj and Cooperation (Shri Shyam Dhar Misra): (a) and (b). The question of providing financial assistance for agricultural production to cooperative societies in Gramdan Villages and Bhoodan areas is under consideration of this Ministry.

(c) Does not arise.

Vegetable Cultivation in Delhi

132. Shri P. C. Borooah: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Agriculture Research Institute and the Delhi Development Department jointly propose to run demonstration farms in August in Delhi in order to intensify vegetable cultivation;

(b) if so, details of the scheme; and

(c) what other measures are being taken to promote cultivation of vegetables in or around Delhi?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Extension work is being done by the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi in a block of 19 villages in Delhi State since 1950 and in the Kanjhawala Block of Delhi State, comprising 56 villages, during the last few years. Among other things, numerous demonstrations on vegetable growing have been carried out with much success. The new varieties of peas, bhindi, brinjal, chillies, cowpea and tomato produced by the Institute have become very popular with the farmers. The Delhi Administration are assisting in this matter by advancing loans to growers for irrigation purposes and also in the distribution of vegetable seeds under the technical guidance of the Institute. This will be further intensified.

Railway Accidents

133. Shri P. C. Borooah: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state what effective measures have been taken during the past three months to eliminate railway accidents?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): Preventive measures taken to minimise the incidence of railway accidents are detailed in Chapter IV