

(c) No. The State Government has only proposed that the loans advanced to cover the interest charges should be free of interest.

(d) The proposal is under consideration in consultation with the Ministry of Finance and the Planning Commission.

Paediatric Services

792. Shri Kolla Venkalah: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) the assistance promised by the UNICEF for the development of Paediatric Services and training in 1963 in India;

(b) the medical colleges and hospitals to whom the assistance is to be allotted; and

(c) the amount allotted to each institution?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) \$236,500.

(b) 24 Medical Colleges and associated hospitals attached to them will get UNICEF assistance. The list of medical colleges and hospitals has not yet been finalised.

(c) (i) 12 Medical Colleges will get full scale assistance at the rate of \$9000 each.

(ii) 6 Medical Colleges will get supplementary assistance at the rate of \$6000 each; and

(iii) 6 Medical Colleges will get first stage assistance at the rate of \$7000 each.

Loktak Lake in Manipur

793. Shri Rishang Keishing: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether a scheme to eradicate the water hyacinth from the Loktak lake in Manipur is going to be taken up during the current year;

(b) the quantity of weedicide required for the scheme; and

(c) the time required to complete the scheme to eradicate water hyacinth from the Loktak lake?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) Yes, subject to the timely availability of the weedicide.

(b) 1,12,000 litres (approximately).

(c) The initial air spraying which is expected to clear 90 p.c. of the affected area will take about a month. For clearance of the rest and prevention of reinfestation, mopping up operations will have to continue till the end of the Third Plan.

Manipur State Transport

794. Shri Rishang Keishing: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Manipur State Transport is going to purchase 20 Bedford Trucks through B. B. Company and whether these trucks are suitable for Manipur; and

(b) reasons for not purchasing the trucks through the Director-General of Supply?

The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). We have no such information. Enquiry has been made from Manipur Administration. Further information will be placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha as early as possible.

Agricultural Production

795. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether a seminar to devise ways and means for improving agricultural production in the country was held at New Delhi in July this year; and

(b) if so, the decisions arrived at in the seminar?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram

Subhag Singh: (a) No Seminar to devise ways and means for improving agricultural production as such was held in July, 1962. But a Seminar on 'Farm Production Planning and Programming' sponsored jointly by the Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Ministry of Food and Agriculture and Indian Society of Agricultural Economics, was held at New Delhi from 23rd July to 2nd August, 1962. The Seminar discussed the various theoretical and practical aspects of farm planning and programming techniques and the factors inhibiting their wider use as an extension tool under Indian conditions. Data requirements and personnel competence required for undertaking farm planning and programming work were also discussed.

(b) No decisions were arrived at. However, the deliberations or the Seminar together with the papers presented are proposed to be published by the Indian Society of Agricultural Economics shortly.

C.H.S. Scheme

796. Shri Yashpal Singh: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent under C.H.S. Scheme during the year 1961-62 and 1962-63 so far; and

(b) the number of patients who visited C.H.S. dispensaries during the same period dispensary-wise?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar):

(a)	Rs.
1961-62	87,92,453
1962-63 (Upto June, 1962)	19,01,310.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 77].

Indian Council of Agricultural Research

797. Shri P. K. Deo: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an appreciable portion of the research

funds of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research is being utilised for the appointment of staff at the headquarters of the Council;

(b) if so, whether the rules of the Council permit utilisation of research funds for appointment of administrative staff; and

(c) if not, what steps Government propose to take to stop this practice?

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

(b) Although there is a mention in the Government Resolutions relating to the setting up of the Council that the secretariat staff for the Council will be provided by Government, there is no restriction on the appointment of administrative staff on the research side in connection with the work of the various schemes undertaken by the Council.

(c) Does not arise.

Flood Control in Punjab

798. Shri P. C. Borooah: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Punjab Government have requested the Central Government to grant a loan of about Rs. 10 million to Punjab for flood control measures;

(b) if so, the Centre's decision thereon;

(c) whether some loan/grant for flood control measures has also been requested for by the Government of Assam; and

(d) if so, what is the Government's decision thereon?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Irrigation and Power (Shri Alagesan): (a). Yes, the Government of Punjab had requested for an additional allocation of Rs. 115 lakhs as Central Loan Assistance for the Flood Control programme during 1961-62.