

(c) whether it is proposed to make more wagons available for these collieries in the light of the inspection results?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) to (c). The visit of Shri S. V. Ramaswamy, Deputy Minister of Railways, to these collieries was intended to have an "on the spot" study of working conditions. The Colliery owners did not represent any difficulty to the Deputy Minister. Wagon requirements of the collieries had been and will continue to be met with in full.

All India Agricultural Services

476. { Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri S. C. Samanta:

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

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce All India Agricultural Services in the country;

(b) if so, whether this proposal has been accepted by Government; and

(c) when this will be introduced?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) to (c). A scheme for the introduction of an All India Agricultural Services is being drawn up and when it is ready, it will be referred to the State Governments for their views.

Central Arid Zone Research Institute, Jodhpur

477. **Shri T. N. Singh:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) for how long the Central Arid Zone Research Institute is functioning at Jodhpur;

(b) its achievements and the total expenditure incurred on it;

(c) whether Government have applied the findings of the Institute in practice; and

(d) if so, where, and the extent of success?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) The Central Arid Zone Research Institute at Jodhpur was set up from 1st October, 1959 by converting the erstwhile Desert Afforestation and Soil Conservation Station started in 1952.

(b) *Achievements:* The information is being collected and will be placed on the table of the House separately.

Expenditure:

From 1952 to March, 1962 Rs. 72.41 lakhs.

From April, 1962 to January, 1963: Rs. 7.34 lakhs.

(c) and (d). The information is being collected and will be placed on the table of the House on receipt.

Meals for Millions Organisation

478. **Shrimati Laxmi Bai:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the aims and functions of 'Meals for Millions Organisation' in India;

(b) Since when it is working;

(c) the number of beneficiaries since its inception; and

(d) how far Government are helping this Organisation?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) The aims and functions of the Meals for Millions Association of India have been stated to be to help relieve malnutrition in India by popularising the use of protein foods like Indian Multi-purpose food and Nutro Biscuits, by means of