

Issue of Licences for Sugar Industry

657. { **Shri Sivamurthi Swamy:**
Shri Mohsin:

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

(a) whether any policy has been announced regarding issue of licences for sugar industry;

(b) if so, whether the same policy is followed in respect of cooperative concerns also;

(c) how many persons have applied from Mysore State for cooperative sugar industries and how many licences are still pending for issue; and

(d) whether any representation has been made to liberalise the policy to encourage cooperative concerns after the fixed date i.e. 30th September, 1960?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) No new policy has been announced.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Of the six applications for cooperative sugar factories in Mysore State, 5 received after March, 1960 are pending.

(d) No, Sir.

Fire in Railway Goods Shed, Howrah

658. { **Shri P. C. Borooah:**
Shri Raghunath Singh:
Shri Hem Raj:

Will the Minister of **Railways** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a big fire broke out in the Howrah Railway Goods Shed on or about 8th February, 1963;

(b) if so, the loss of property involved in the accident; and

(c) the cause of the fire?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) There was no such fire in the Howrah Goods Shed on the Eastern Railway. But a fire did break out in the Shalimar Goods Shed which is on the South Eastern Railway.

(b) Rs. 10 lakhs, approximately.

(c) The case is under investigation.

Dry Docking and Repairing of Ships

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

(a) whether any steps have been taken for the dry docking and repairing of the ships of more than ten thousand dwt; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes.

(b) In addition to the facilities available at present for the dry docking and repairing of ships of 10,000 DWT and above at the ports of Calcutta and Bombay, and the Mazagon Dock at Bombay, the following steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken to further expand these facilities:

(i) Government have sanctioned the construction of a dry dock of the size of 600'X90'X26' at Visakhapatnam at an estimated cost of Rs. 269.00 lakhs. However, owing to foreign exchange shortage it has not yet been implemented.

(ii) In the scheme for the second shipbuilding yard to be set up at Cochin, provision has been made for a dry dock of the size of 850'X122'X24'.

(iii) The scheme for the modernisation of the Garden Reach Workshops also envisages the provision of a dry dock.