

Mysore. Replies from the other States are awaited.

(b). The organisation of dairying on cooperative lines will help to provide an assured market at remunerative prices to the producers which will act as an incentive to the improvement of cattle and increased milk production. This will also ensure adequate supplies of milk to the dairy plants and supply of milk and milk products of dependable quality at reasonable prices to the consumers.

Sugarcane Cultivation in Alkaline Soil

93. { **Shri Surendra Pal Singh:**
Shrimati Savitri Nigam:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Institute of Sugarcane Research has evolved a new method of growing sugarcane in alkaline soil; and

(b) if so, the main features of this new method and the cost involved in making alkaline soil suitable for the growing of sugarcane?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Under this method, cane is planted in deep furrows and given a light irrigation immediately. After completion of germination, a thick layer of chopped cane trash is laid in the planted furrows. Further irrigations are given into the trash-packing. The cost of this method of planting is estimated to be Rs. 50 to Rs. 100 per acre over and above the cost of usual flat-planting method.

D.T.U.

94. **Shri Surendra Pal Singh:** Will the Minister of **Transport** be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under the consideration of Government to allow private bus owners to ply their buses on certain routes in

and around Delhi for the convenience of the public; and

(b) if so, the main features of this proposal and when this scheme will be put to a trial?

The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Central Warehousing Corporation

95. **Shri S. M. Banerjee:** Will the Minister of **Food and Agriculture** be pleased to state:

(a) whether a regional office is likely to be opened under Central Warehousing Corporation at Calcutta; and

(b) if so, when and its purpose?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

P. & T. Employees

96. { **Shri S. M. Banerjee:**
Shri Umanath:

Will the Minister of **Posts and Telegraphs** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a decision has since been taken to restore the reduction in pay and stoppage of increments in respect of those Posts and Telegraphs employees who took part in 1960 strike; and

(b) if not, the reasons for the delay?

The Deputy Minister in the Department of Posts and Telegraphs (Shri Bhagavati): (a) No such decision has been taken. It was, however, decided on 22nd November 1962 that all petitions from officials who participated in the strike in July 1960 and where the penalties imposed were current and the period of punishment was two years or more on that date should be reviewed by the President, irrespective of whether they had al-

ready been reviewed or not, and action is being taken accordingly.

(b) Does not arise.

घुमक्कड़ पशु पालक

६७. { श्री हुकुम चन्द कछवाय :
श्री बूटा सिंह :
श्री बड़े :

क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में घुमक्कड़ पशुपालकों की कितनी संख्या है ;

(ख) क्या सरकार ने इन्हें बसाने का प्रबन्ध किया है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो अब तक उन में से कितने बसाए जा चुके हैं ?

खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री अ० म० चामस) : (क) घुमक्कड़ पशुपालकों के बारे में १९६१ की जनगणना में कोई आंकड़े इकट्ठे नहीं किये गये ।

(ख) और (ग). जानकारी राज्य सरकारों से इकट्ठी की जा रही है और यथा समय सभा की पटल पर रख दी जायेगी ।

Track between Church Gate and Grant Road Stations

98. **Shri Shree Narayan Das:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the stage at which the matter with regard to laying of a third track between the Churchgate and Grant Road Stations on the Western Railway suburban section stands, a decision about which was taken long ago;

(b) whether any, if so, what progress has been made so far; and

(c) whether any time limit for implementing the proposal has been fixed?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) to (c). With a view to meet the growing suburban traffic on the Western Railway, it is proposed to lay a third line and in later years also a fourth line between Churchgate and Grant Road. It has been decided to acquire about 6 acres of land required for this purpose at a cost of about Rs. 143 lakhs and this has been included in the Works Programme for 1963-64. The acquisition of land is in progress. Construction of third line will be taken up after the land is acquired. No target date has been fixed for this work yet, as it will mostly depend on the progress made in land acquisition.

Calcutta Helicopter Service

99. { **Shri Shree Narayan Das:**
Shri Vishram Prasad:
Shri R. G. Dubey:
Shri Bhakt Darshan:

Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether the question of operating helicopter service between Calcutta City and Dum Dum airport for quick transport has been examined;

(b) if so, what are the commercial and operational possibilities of such operation; and

(c) the decision taken in the matter?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport (Shri Mohiuddin): (a) to (c). The economics of helicopter operations between Calcutta City and Dum Dum Airport are being examined by the Director General of Civil Aviation.

Irradiation of Wheat

100. **Shri Shree Narayan Das:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that intensive research by the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission and the Agricul-