

(a) whether any assessment has been made, since P & T Board was set up a few years ago, of its utility and usefulness; and

(b) the expenditure incurred on the P & T Board since its inception?

The Deputy Minister in the Department of Posts and Telegraphs (Shri Bhagwati): (a) The Estimates Committee of the Parliament went into the working of the P & T Board in 1960-61 and an examination of its various recommendations involved a review of the working of the P & T Board. Apart from this, no general review or assessment has been made so far.

(b) When the P & T Board came into existence, some of the senior officers already working in the P & T Directorate were made *ex-officio* Members of the Board, One UDC and one LDC were appointed for secretariat work and a post of Dy. Secretary was diverted to function as Secretary, P & T Board. Therefore, the additional cost involved was negligible.

Inland Letters and Aerogrammes

- *205. { Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri Bishanchander Seth:
Shri B. P. Yadava:
Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:
Shri N. R. Laskar:
Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:
Shrimati Savitri Nigam:

Will the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 19 on the 13th August, 1963 regarding inland letters and aerogrammes and state:

(a) whether all the samples have been tested;

(b) if so, the result thereof; and

(c) the final decision taken?

The Deputy Minister in the Department of Posts and Telegraphs (Shri Bhagwati): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Although some of the Samples were found suitable for the manufacture of inland letter cards, the cost of the paper is much higher than of the one now in use. The matter is therefore being further examined by the P&T Department in consultation with the Supplies Department.

Sugar Distribution through Co-operatives

- *206. { Shri Vishram Prasad:
Shri R. G. Dubey:
Shri P. C. Borooh:
Shri P. R. Chakraverti:

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

(a) whether Government are considering the question of distribution of sugar through co-operative societies in the States; and

(b) if so, when the scheme will come into operation?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) and (b). Distribution of sugar is primarily the concern of the State Governments. They have been advised to allot quotas of sugar to Cooperative Societies to the maximum extent both at wholesale as well as at retail levels

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- *२०७. { श्री राम सेक यादव :
श्री भी० प्र० यादव :
श्री बिशन चन्द्र सेट :
श्री धवन :
श्री हेडा :
श्री पें० वें टामुब्बया :
श्री रघुनाथ सिंह :
श्री दी० चं० शर्मा :
श्री श्याम लाल सर्राफ :
श्री मोहन स्वरूप :

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