

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) The fertilizer requirements of the Tea Industry in the North East India are seasonal as manuring is normally done from March to June only. Accordingly the annual requirements as assessed by the Tea Board for 1962-63 and 1963-64 were 1,17,285 tonnes and 1,17,687 tonnes of Sulphate of Ammonia respectively.

(b) Allotment of sulphate of ammonia during 1962-63 was made in full satisfaction of the demand. However, due to various reasons such as lack of financial arrangements by the distributing firms to lift the allotted quantities in full, strike by the Pakistani crews of the Joint Steamer Companies and the emergency conditions on our northern borders, a quantity of 73824 tonnes of sulphate of ammonia was lifted by the Distributors by the end of April 1963. A further quantity of 20560 tonnes was moved after April, 1963. Despatches against the current year's allotment are in progress.

(c) As adequate supplies of sulphate of ammonia were allotted to meet the Tea Industry's requirements in full, the question of allotting other fertilisers by the Central Pool did not arise.

Radar Equipment at Airports

497. { Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri Warrior:
Shri B. K. Das:
Shri S. C. Samanta:

Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 433 on the 20th August, 1963 and state the up-to-date progress made in the installation of radar equipment at the airports in question?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport (Shri Mohiuddin): The estimates for the buildings for

the precision approach radars for Bombay (Santa Cruz) and Calcutta (Dum Dum) Airports have been sanctioned and necessary formalities are being completed to start the works.

Cyclone Warning System

498. Shri P. C. Borooah: Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2018 on the 17th September, 1963 and state:

(a) whether the two more radars proposed to be set up at Mohanbari and another suitable place have since been installed; and

(b) the salient features of the new cyclone detection system and how it works?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport (Shri Mohiuddin): (a) One storm-detecting radar has been installed at Mohanbari and is operating from the 15th October, 1963. The other radar will be installed at Baghdogra.

(b) The radar detects storm clouds at a distance of 100 to 150 kilometers and indicates their exact location. It will be possible for the pilots to avoid such areas while in flight.

Low Cost High Protein Food

499. { Shri Bishanchander Seth:
Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:
Shri N. R. Laskar:
Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:
Shrimati Savitri Nigam:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 727 on the 17th September, 1963 and state the steps since taken for launching an experimental project to provide low cost high protein food for babies?