

(ग) अभी तक इंडियन काटन मिलज़ एसोसिएशन ने इसके लिये सहायता देने का स्पष्ट रूप से कोई वायदा नहीं किया है।

Co-operative Sugar Factories

732. { **Shri P. C. Borooah:**
Shri Daljit Singh:
Shri Pottekkatt:
Shri A. V. Raghavan:
Shri Kappen:
Shrimati Ramdulari Sinha:
Shri D. S. Patil:

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

(a) whether Government have granted licences for the expansion of some existing co-operative sugar factories and setting up of some new factories during October this year;

(b) if so, how many units are to be expanded and how many new units are to be set up;

(c) the total additional production capacity licenced; and

(d) how far the Third Plan target for sugar production is expected to be achieved thereby?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri D. R. Chavan): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

(d) A major portion of additional capacity for the Third Plan had been licensed earlier and much of it has been established. It is expected that the Third Plan target of sugar production will be achieved.

Employees Provident Fund Scheme

733. { **Shri P. C. Borooah:**
Shri Tridib Kumar Chaudhuri:

Will the Minister of Social Security be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Employees Provi-

dent Fund Scheme is proposed to be extended to 26 more industries and classes of establishments;

(b) if so, to which ones, and their total membership; and

(c) which are the industries and classes of establishments to which the scheme has not been extended so far and the total number of employees therein who are deprived of the benefits of this scheme?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Law (Shri Jaganatha Rao): (a) and (b). The Employees' Provident Funds Act, 1952, and the scheme framed thereunder are being applied to more and more industries gradually after consultation with the interests concerned. A list showing the details of 92 industries and classes of establishments covered under the Act is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-3510/64]. The number of workers benefiting from the Scheme is about 40 lakhs.

(c) Statistical data relating to the industries not covered under the Act has not been collected.

Grants by U.S.A. for Research

734. { **Shri Vishram Prasad:**
Shri Bagri:
Shri Bibhuti Mishra:
Shri K. N. Tiwary:
Shri Ram Sewak:
Shri P. G. Sen:
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that U.S.A. have given some grants to the University of Allahabad and Forest Research Institute, Dehra Dun; and

(b) if so, what are the details of research which will be conducted by these institutions?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) Yes.

(b) The grants will be utilised for undertaking research as per details below:

Allahabad University:

1. Collection and isolation of molds belonging to the order Mucorales and classification of the isolates in order to find micro-organisms suitable for fermentative processes of importance in cereal grain utilization.

2. A study of survival and possible genetic change in industrially useful micro-organism subjected to lyophilization to obtain basic information needed for the maintenance of culture collection for industrial fermentation of cereal grains.

3. Post harvest diseases of tropical and sub-tropical frost.

4. A study of soil Algae of the rice fields and their contribution to the fertility of the soil.

5. Study of molecular processes of organic compounds containing atomic grouping similar to those present in wool by measurement of ultrasonic absorption in the liquid state at frequencies below one megacycle.

6. Biology of gall midges affecting mangoes with special reference to the extent of damage.

7. Investigation of the protein, auxins acid and biographically active components of dry beans to provide information necessary for the development of new and improved processes and products leading to increased utilization of dry beans.

8. Studies on the free amino acids of insect hemolymph and the accumulation of citric acid in insect tissues.

9. Minerals and metabolism of plants: The role of major elements, particularly calcium in the metabolic activities of plants.

10. Biology of gall midges affecting citrus plants with special reference to the extent of damage.

Forest Research Institute and Colleges Dehra Dun:

1. Accelerated Laboratory investigations on termite resistance of woods.

2. Working qualities of Indian timbers.

3. Accelerated laboratory investigations on durability of wood.

4. Investigations on Myccrrihihiza forming fungi with special reference to conifers in India.

5. Studies of density and fibre characteristics of Indian timbers as indicators of wood quality.

Production of Sugar

735. { Shri Vishram Prasad;
Shri Bagri;
Shri Rameshwaranand:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the reply given to the Starred Question No. 40 on the 8th September, 1964 and state:

(a) whether Government have since considered the measures to step up production of sugar in 1964-65; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri D. B. Chavan): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government have taken the following measures:

(1) The basic minimum price of sugarcane payable by sugar factories during 1964-65 has been fixed at Rs. 5.36 per quintal for a recovery of 10.4 per cent and below, with provision for increasing the same by 4 paise per quintal for every 0.1 per cent increase in recovery above 10.4 per cent.

(2) The deduction from cane price on account of transport