

Road and Bridge Works financed by World Bank

2110. Shri Sunder Lal: Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank had complained about the non-completion of the road and bridge works financed from their aid within the scheduled time; and

(b) if so, the steps, which Government have taken or propose to take in the matter?

The Minister of Transport (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-4851/65].

Agricultural Production

2111. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to launch the Young World Mobilisation Appeal on the 16th October, 1965 to utilise the idle energy and enthusiasm of the young people to augment the production of food through educational and action projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is proposed to utilise the services of the National Cadet Corps for the purpose?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) and (b). The Young World Appeal issued by the Director General of Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations calls upon young people to devote 21 hours of their time over a period of 21 weeks to Freedom-from-Hunger Campaign work. The figure 21 has a symbolic value as United Nations and Food and Agriculture Organisation are due to enter the 21st year of their existence around October 16, 1965, the designated date for launching the Appeal. However, the 21 week period will be only a start to what the F.A.O. hopes will be a long

term involvement of young people in the F.F.H.C. and is intended merely as a call to worldwide action.

The objectives are twofold: the first is to make young people conscious of the urgency and implications of the problem of hunger and to increase their knowledge about connected matters such as malnutrition, food habits, etc. The second and more important objective is to contribute in some small measure towards production of food in the community. This contribution can take the form of joint activities by voluntary clubs and associations. These two objectives have to be taken together and not independently of each other, particularly in educational institutions where they have, in the very nature of things, to be treated as part of the process of education. Therefore, the clubs that are formed will have to be education-through-action programme clubs.

The Indian National Committee for the F.F.H.C. has decided to participate in the launching of the Young World Appeal and has set up a Y.W.A. Central Committee and a Young World Action for Food Committee, which includes *inter alia* the representatives of a number of important youth organisations. It has also requested State Campaign Committee to set up similar Committees at the State level. The National Committee has brought out a Guide in which the details of the programme and action to be taken by the participating organisations have been given. Copies of the Guide are available in the Parliament Library.

(c) Several Youth Organisations of the country including the National Cadet Corps are participating in the Young World Programme. Some N.C.C. units have already started some action-cum-educational projects.

Farming Pilot Schemes in U.P.

2112. Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey: Will the Minister of Community De-