

The Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation (Dr. Karan Singh): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A proposal to construct a Tourist Bungalow at Kuttanad has been received from the Kerala Government.

(c) The scheme has been included in the Fourth Five Year Plan on Tourism. The expenditure will be shared on 50:50 basis by the Central and State Governments.

Agricultural re-Finance Corporation

5227. Shri Eswara Reddy: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Agricultural Re-finance Corporation had subscribed Rs. 3.15 crores to the debentures floated by the Andhra Pradesh Co-operative Land Mortgage Bank Ltd., Hyderabad;

(b) whether these debentures were floated by the bank for raising funds for the reclamation of land in the Nagarjunasagar Ayacut area;

(c) whether there had been any complaint that the funds meant, for reclamation work were not properly utilised by the bank;

(d) whether the Corporation had made any enquiry into the working of the bank;

(e) if so, the findings thereof; and
(f) the action taken thereon?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Co-operation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) to (f). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-989/67.]

Employees of Ganga Brahmaputra Water Transport Board

5228. Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Shri Madhu Limaye:

Will the Minister of Transport and Shipping be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a memorandum has been submitted on the 20th June, 1967 on behalf of the Ganga Brahmaputra Water Transport Board Employees Union;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government thereon; and

(c) the salient features of the memorandum?

The Minister of Transport and Shipping Dr. V. K. R. V. Rao: (a) to (c). A memorandum was submitted on the 20th June, 1967 on behalf of the Ganga Brahmaputra Water Transport Board Employees Union urging the planned development of river transport services and the provision of some form of job security for those former employees of the Ganga Brahmaputra Water Transport Board who had been absorbed in the Inland Water Transport Directorate and the field organisations under its administrative control.

The feasibility of operating river services on a commercial basis on the Ganga has been examined and the study reveals that there is not sufficient traffic available immediately to operate such services on an economic basis. In view of the development of alternative means of transportation in this area, particularly by road and railway, the possibility of traffic by river developing to any appreciable extent in the future would require detailed study. The completion of the Farakka Barrage will also have some bearing on this matter and it is necessary to have the problem examined on a long term and integrated basis. This will take some time.

The question of conferring quasi-permanent status on personnel whose services are required on a long term basis and who are otherwise suitable is under consideration.

राज्यों में खाद्यान्नों का उत्पादन

5229. श्री रामावतार शास्त्री :

श्री भोगेन्द्र झा :

श्री क० मि० सधुकर :

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

(क) देश में कौन कौन से राज्य आवश्यकता से अधिक अनाज का उत्पादन करते हैं,

(ख) इनमें से प्रत्येक राज्य की जनसंख्या अलग अलग, कितनी है;