

attention towards the development of human material and resources. This conclusion is based on an analysis of the attitudes towards agricultural education of a sample of 206 out-of-school youths in four Community Development Blocks covered under the study.

(b) The importance of the human element in the Community Development programme has been recognised from the outset; thus, extension education and training have always been regarded as integral components of programme. Increase of agricultural production depends on a complex of factors, of which extension education is only one. However, measures have been taken for improving the skills and competence of extension personnel and for instituting a systematic programme of farmers' training and education, specially in areas selected for the introduction of High Yielding Varieties

Chougule Steamship Company

2292. Shri Shinkre: Will the Minister of Transport and Shipping be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chougule Steamship Company Limited, has approached Government with proposals envisaging substantial increase in passenger and goods fare on Bombay-Goa and Bombay-Mangalore lines;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

The Minister of Transport and Shipping (Dr. V. K. R. V. Rao): (a) to (c). The Chougule Steamship Company Limited have requested the Government for permission to increase passenger fares for the Bombay-Goa passenger service. The Company have not made a similar request in respect of the Bombay-Mangalore service.

The Company have also not made a request for an increase in freight rates on the Bombay-Goa or Bombay-

Mangalore Service. The Company have indicated that an increase of 65 per cent in the existing passenger fares on the Bombay-Goa service would be required to make good the losses sustained by them on this service. The Government of India have appointed a Committee consisting of the Additional Director General of Shipping a representative of the Government of Maharashtra and an officer from the Comptroller and Auditor General's Organisation to go into this question in detail. The Committee is expected to submit its report by the end of the June, 1967.

Bombay-Goa Road

2293. Shri Shinkre: Will the Minister of Transport and Shipping be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent so far on the construction of Bombay-Goa Road of the West Coast National Highway and the amount to be spent to complete it; and

(b) the time by which the construction of this Bombay-Goa Road is expected to be completed?

The Minister of Transport and Shipping (Dr. V. K. R. V. Rao):

(a) Presumably the member is referring to that part of the West Coast Road which is being developed through the States of Maharashtra and Goa. An expenditure of about Rs. 6.69 crores has been incurred up to March, 1967, on the scheme. The balance work will cost about Rs. 4.47 crores. The expenditure incurred includes an amount of approximately Rs. 20. crores spent by the Maharashtra Government from their own resources.

(b) Depending on the availability of funds, the road is expected to be completed by the end of the 4th Plan period.

Supply of Fertiliser to Goa, Daman and Diu

2294. Shri Shinkre: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of fertilisers actually supplied to Union Territory of

Goa, Daman and Diu during 1966-67;

(b) whether there is any request from the Government of that Union Territory to increase the quota during 1967-68;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reaction of Government thereto?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) The allotments of various kinds of nitrogenous fertilisers made by the Central Fertilisers made by the Central Fertiliser Pool in favour of Goa, Daman and Diu during 1966-67 and the quantity actually supplied upto 25th May, 1967 against those allotments are given below:—

(Figures in tonnes)

Kind of Fertilier	Quantity allotted for 1966-67.	Quantity supplied till 25th May, 1967.
Sulphate of Amonia	6021	2903
Urea	414	414
Amm. Phosphate	1500	1500
Total in terms of Nitrogen	1754	1100

(b) to (d). Against their estimate of requirements of 2420 tonnes Nitrogen, Government of India have already agreed to allot 2220 tonnes Nitrogen.

Super Bazar for Gauhati

2296. Shri Dhireswar Kalita: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government propose to open a Super Bazar at Gauhati; and

(b) if so, the reasons for not opening it so far?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri M. S. Gerupadswamy): (a) A proposal for the opening of a department store in Gauhati by the local cooperative wholesale store was approved

by the Government of India in November 1966.

(b) The opening of the store has been delayed because no suitable building for housing a department store was readily available in Gauhati. A new building which was under construction was ultimately located for the purpose. Construction work has only recently been completed and it is expected that the store will start functioning by end of this month.

Agricultural University in Assam

2297. Shri Dhireswar Kalita: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Assam have represented to the Central Government to allot funds for the establishment of one agricultural university in Assam;

(b) if so, the amount asked for by the State Government; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) No request has so far been received from the Government of Assam. In the Draft Outline of Fourth Five Year Plan of Assam, however, it has been proposed to set up an Agricultural University in the State. The Working Group which considered the State Plan has recommended an outlay of Rs. 83.6 lakhs for Agricultural University in Assam. No proposals have, however, been sent so far

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

Wheat Seeds developed at Indian Agricultural Research Institute

2299. Shri J. Sundar Lal: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) how many varieties of wheat seeds have been developed by the