

Survey of Rajasthan Canal Project

3722. **Shri Ram Gopal Shalwale:**
Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri Jyotirmoy Basu:
Shri P. Ramaswurti:
Shri A. K. Gopalan:
Shri Vishwanatha Menon:
Shri E. K. Nayanar:
Shri Namblar:
Shri C. K. Chakrapani:
Shri K. Anirudhan:

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

(a) whether an American firm has been selected to make an aerial survey for the second phase of the Rajasthan Canal Project; and

(b) if so, the safeguards taken to ensure that survey will not be used for reconnaissance of the strategic areas in the Districts of Jaisalmer and Bikaner?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasaheb Shinde): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Creation of Posts of Deputy Election Commissioners

3723. **Shri Kanwar Lal Gupta:** Will the Minister of Law be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a few posts of Deputy Election Commissioners were created for the Fourth General Elections;

(b) if so, the number of such posts and the names of persons who were appointed to these posts; and

(c) whether it is a fact that some of the posts were kept vacant for a long time?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Law (Shri D. K. Chavan):

(a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Three posts of Deputy Election Commissioners were created for the Fourth General Elections. Only one post was filled by Shri N. D. Buch, an Officer of the Indian Administrative Service, by transfer from the Ministry of Defence.

(c) Yes, Sir. The other two posts were not filled partly with a view to economy and partly because of the difficulty in getting really suitable men for the posts at short notice.

Setting up of Agricultural Processing Industries

3724. **Shri S. A. Agadi:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that foreign countries have offered any help to Indian Co-operative Institutions in setting up Agricultural Processing Industries; and

(b) if so, the names of such countries and the terms of their collaboration and the details of the products proposed to be manufactured with annual capacity of output?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy): (a) and (b). There is no offer from any foreign country for collaboration with co-operatives in India for setting up agricultural processing industries. However, Bulgaria, Hungary and Yugoslavia have shown interest in supplying fruit and vegetable processing machinery to Indian co-operatives under rupee trade agreements entered into by these countries with India.

Aerodromes in Mysore State

3725. **Shri S. A. Agadi:** Will the Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal for the construction of new aerodromes or air-strips and for the expansion of the existing aerodromes in Mysore State; and