

(c) The type of goods usually pilfered are Ball Bearings, copper (Wire, Bars and Cables), Dyes and colours, Electrical goods, Machinery and parts, Metals, Motorcar accessories, Nylon cones and bobbins, Stainless steel sheets and circles.

Seismological Laboratory at Srinagar

3745. Shri Vasudevan Nair:
Shri C. Janardhanam:

Will the Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a seismological laboratory at Srinagar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the estimated cost of the project?

The Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation (Dr. Karan Singh): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Srinagar is one of the seven centres where it is proposed to set up seismological observatories during the Fourth Plan period to augment the network in the seismic zone of the country.

(c) The non-recurring expenditure on equipment, buildings etc., is estimated at about Rs. 3,40,000 and the recurring expenditure at about Rs. 10,500 a year.

Palam Airport

3746. Shri Atam Das: Will the Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the new design of Palam Airport will be made by the foreign architects;

(b) if so, the reasons for choosing foreign architects to do this job; and

(c) the reasons for not sending Indian Architects to foreign countries for further training?

The Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation (Dr. Karan Singh): (a) and (b). No architect or firm of architects has yet been appointed to design the terminal building for Palam airport. The National Design Institute, Ahmed bad, has been entrusted with the task of preparing a feasibility report for a new terminal complex at this airport. The Institute is proceeding with this work in consultation with a German Architect who is on the Institute's panel of architects. The question of selecting an architect or a firm of architects for the designing of the new complex will be considered after the feasibility report is received and has been examined.

(c) Does not arise.

Delhi Milk Scheme

3747. Shri Ram Charam: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the number of chilling centres of Delhi Milk Scheme lying idle at present;

(b) how much of the expenditure on account of their maintenance and salaries has been incurred over these idle chilling centres; and

(c) who is responsible for keeping these chilling centres idle and what steps have been taken to overcome such a great loss?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasaheb Shinde): (a) Five at Bahadurgarh, Kharkhauda, Alipur, Bawana and Najafgarh.

(b) Rs. 21,000.

(c) These centres are located in close proximity of Delhi even when milk is available the private trade finds it more profitable to bring the same directly to the city.

The Centres at Bahadurgarh and Kharkhauda were reserved for handling milk procured through coopera-

tives. Milk was collected at Bahadurgarh centre upto January, 1965, and at Kharkhauda upto August, 1966. Bawana and Najafgarh centres have been handed over to DMS only recently.

In the circumstances stated above, it is difficult to hold any particular person responsible. No one has kept the chilling centres idle. This has happened mainly due to circumstances beyond our control.

It has now been decided to shift equipment from these centres to areas where milk is readily available. This will enable DMS to utilise these equipments instead of buying new ones.

Officers on Deputation

3748. Shri Ram Charan: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Officers in his Ministry who have come on deputation at present;

(b) the expenditure incurred on their deputation allowances upto the 31st March, 1967; and

(c) the reasons for appointing Officers on deputation in his Ministry?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasaheb Shinde): (a) 85. (Eighty ve).

(b) Rs. 82,793.00 (during 1966-67).

(c) To fill posts requiring special expertise, technical qualifications and experience and knowledge of field conditions.

Delhi Milk Scheme

3749. Shri Ram Charan: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the total loss incurred by the Delhi Milk Scheme upto 1965-66 from its commencement of the scheme; and

(b) the reasons therefor?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasaheb Shinde): (a) The Delhi Milk Scheme, after taking into account the interest on the capital and depreciation on buildings, equipments etc., had incurred a total loss of Rs. 185.07 lakh from the commencement of the Project upto 1965-66.

The Scheme is expected to make a marginal profit during 1966-67 accounts for which are yet to be finalised.

(b) The main cause for losses incurred by the Scheme is that the procurement price of milk has been steadily rising and selling prices of milk have not been raised correspondingly. A statement showing the selling prices and purchase price of milk from time to time is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-807/67].

Overtime Allowance

3750. Shri Ram Charan: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the total amount of overtime allowance paid to the staff in his Ministry during the last five financial years?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasaheb Shinde): The amount of Overtime Allowance paid to the staff in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation during the last five financial years is as under:—

Year	Amount paid
1962-63	Rs. 1,19,602
1963-64	Rs. 1,83,747
1964-65	Rs. 2,29,717
1965-66	Rs. 2,54,541
1966-67	Rs. 2,82,628