

HILL STATIONS

390. **Shri N. M. Lingam:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to develop Hill Stations in India with a view to attract tourists; and

(b) whether Government have received any representation from the local tourist Advisory Committee, Ootacamund, regarding improvement of this Hill Station?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagasan):

(a) Government have been taking various steps to develop internal tourist traffic to hill stations. These include introduction of concessional rail tickets, holding of Conferences in hill stations and putting out of publicity material. Formation of tourist bureaus is also being encouraged to ensure tourist facilities at hill stations.

(b) No. They however made suggestions for production of tourist publicity material on Nilgiri Hills.

FERTILISERS

391. **Shri K. C. Sodhia:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state what were the total requirements of chemical fertilisers in India, State-wise, during 1950-51 and 1951-52?

(b) Of the total requirement, how much quantity was purchased directly by different State Governments and how much by private dealers?

(c) What was the total quantity given to cultivators under the "Grow More Food" Campaign?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishappa): (a) A statement showing the requirements of sulphate of ammonia from the State Governments and other interests on calendar year basis for the years 1950, 1951 and 1952 is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 64.]

(b) A statement showing the allocations made from the Pool to the State Governments and private parties is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 64.]

(c) According to information available the following quantities were supplied by the State Governments

under the G.M.F. Campaign:

Year	Sulphate of Ammonia
(i) 1949-50	84,361 tons;
(ii) 1950-51	99,402 tons;
(iii) 1951-52	1,29,150 tons.

TRACTORS (IMPORT)

392. **Shri K. C. Sodhia:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state what was the total number of tractors imported into India during 1951-52 (i) on Government account; and (ii) on private account?

(b) What was the total value of these imports under each head?

(c) What foreign countries shared in the above imports and to what extent?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishappa):

(a) to (c). Two statements giving the required information are placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 65.]

MICA MINES

393. **Shri Baiwant Staba Mehta:** (a) Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state what is the strength of labourers working in the Mica Mines in Rajasthan and at what rate each male or female worker is paid for?

(b) How many mine owners give bonus to the workers, at what rate and how often?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) The daily average strength of workers is about 10,300. A statement showing their average daily earnings is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 66.]

(b) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House in due course.

LAND RECLAMATION IN SCHEDULED AREAS OF ORISSA

394. **Shri Sanganna:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the area of land reclaimed by jungle-clearance in the Scheduled Areas of the State of Orissa, since the inception of the "Grow More Food" Scheme?

(b) What was the amount actually spent for the purpose?

(c) What is the value of foodgrains grown annually on such reclaimed lands?