

"GROW MORE FOOD" CAMPAIGN

403. **Shri Mohanlal Seksena:** (a) Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to lay on the Table of the House a statement regarding the amount of money spent on the 'Grow More Food' campaign by way of advertisement in newspapers during the last three years?

(b) How much money has been spent on the advertisement relating to "Grow More Food" Campaign under the caption "That Vacant Patch of Land" during the last three years?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnaappa): (a) Yes. A statement showing the expenditure on Grow More Food Campaign press advertisements during 1949-50, 1950-51 and 1951-52 is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 68.]

(b) Rs. 1,686-3-0.

GODARA-MHOW RAILWAY LINE

404. **Shri N. L. Joshi:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to join the broad gauge railway line from Godara on the Western Railway to the metre gauge railway line at Mhow or Indore; and

(b) if so, how long it would take for the proposal to materialise?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) The reply is in the negative.

(b) Does not arise.

INDORE AERODROME

404. **Shri N. L. Joshi:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state how long would it take for the landing ground at Indore aerodrome to be cemented?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Baj Bahadur): It is not proposed to reconstruct the runway at the Indore aerodrome with cement concrete. The existing runway is suitable for operations by Dakota aircraft.

MALARIA

406. **Shri N. B. Chowdhury:** (a) Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state whether the incidence of Malaria was on the increase or on the decrease during the last three years?

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(b) Have Government ascertained any reasons for the increase or decrease?

(c) If so, what are the reasons?

The Deputy Minister of Health (Shri-mati Chandrasekhar): (a) As far as information is available the incidence of malaria was on the decrease during the last three years.

(b) and (c). The decrease is due to the gradual strengthening of the anti-malaria organisations of many States in India like Delhi, Bombay, Mysore, Madras, Coorg, Aimer and of the Coalfields. The W.H.O. Malaria Control Demonstration Teams in Uttar Pradesh, Orissa, Madras and Mysore, as also the using of modern methods of Malaria Control have had definitely good results.

MINOR IRRIGATION SCHEMES

407. **Shri N. B. Chowdhury:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the number of minor irrigation schemes that have been executed during the period from 15th August 1947 to March 1952 in each State with the help of the Government of India;

(b) the number of such schemes for the year 1952-53; and

(c) whether Government have prepared any estimates for the year 1953-54?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnaappa): (a) Statements containing the information for each of the years 1947-48 to 1951-52 are laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 69.] Information in respect of the period August 1947 to March 1948 is not available separately.

(b) A statement giving the information State-wise is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 69.]

(c) Not yet.

POST OFFICES IN WEST BENGAL

408. **Shri N. H. Chowdhury:** (a) Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state the number of post offices that existed in West Bengal in 1947-48?

(b) How many new post offices have been set up in West Bengal during the years 1948-49, 1949-50, 1950-51 and 1951-52?