

INTERNATIONAL WHEAT AGREEMENT

1406. **Shri K. P. Sinha:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of wheat that is expected to be allotted under the International Wheat Agreement; and

(b) the landing cost of the wheat in rupees?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) To India, 15 lakh metric tons per International Wheat Agreement year viz., from 1st August to 31st July.

(b) On the basis of the current rates of freight and price etc. the cost of the International Wheat Agreement wheat landed in India is about Rs. 15/10/- per maund.

INDO-U. S. TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT

1407. **Shri Telkikar:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the basis of State-wise allocation of tube-wells under the Indo-U. S. Technical Co-operation Agreement scheme for the construction of 2,000 tube-wells?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): The States of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Punjab and PEPSU were selected for the construction of 2,000 tube-wells under the Technical Co-operation Agreement programme, as favourable conditions for ground-water development are known to exist largely in the Indo-Gangetic plains where these States are situated.

The selection of areas and allocation of wells in these States was done on the basis of field examinations and examination of existing geological and hydrological data conducted by a party of technical experts of the Government of India and the Technical Co-operation Administration who visited the States.

MANSI-SAHARSA RAILWAY LINE

1408. **Shri L. N. Mishra:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to make Mansi-Saharsa

railway line of N. E. Railway as an all-weather railway line; and

(b) if so, by which time the said line is expected to be an all-weather one?

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

(b) Does not arise.

WAITING ROOMS AT FORBESGANJ RAILWAY STATION

1409. **Shri L. N. Mishra:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received some representations from the people to provide upper class and third class waiting rooms at Forbesganj Railway Station of N. E. Railway in Bihar; and

(b) if so, what decision has been taken in the matter?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Yes. Representations were received for the provision of an upper class waiting room only and not for a third class waiting room. A waiting hall for third class passengers already exists.

(b) Provision of an upper class waiting room at Forbesganj has been included in the works programme for 1953-54.

CLOSING OF JAMAIDATLA COLLIERY, CHHINDWARA

Shri Vittal Rao: Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Jamaidatla Colliery, Chhindwara district, Madhya Pradesh, has been closed since 8th February, 1953;

(b) if so, the reasons for such closure;

(c) how many workers have been thrown out of employment;

(d) whether it is a fact that wages, bonus and other dues were not paid to them with the result that one of the workers died of starvation; and

(e) what steps have been taken by the Regional Labour Commissioner, Nagpur, to resolve the dispute in question?