

PLANNED CULTIVATION OF FOOD AND CASH CROPS

*1691. **Th. Jugal Kishore Sinha:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is the policy of Government to prevent the diversion of more lands for cane crop from food-crops;

(b) if so, to what extent such diversion is not objectionable; and

(c) what steps are being taken for the planned cultivation of food and cash crops?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) and (b). The policy of Government is to increase the production of sugarcane mainly by increasing the yield of cane per acre and not by diversion of more lands from food crops.

(c) Under the existing conditions planned cultivation of food and cash crops consists of measures to increase production of all important crops. These measures are adoption of a suitable price policy, reclamation of uncultivated lands, provision of irrigation facilities, utilisation of improved seeds, manures and fertilizers and adoption of improved methods of cultivation.

RAILWAY QUARTERS

*1692. **Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state.

(a) whether the construction of 150 type II quarters for class III staff of Accounts Department, Secunderabad on the Central Railway has been taken up; and

(b) if so, when it will be completed?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Not yet; the work has been included in the Works Programme for 1954-55.

(b) By the end of March 1955.

REGISTRATION OF SEAMEN

351. **Shri Krishnacharya Joshi:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work of registration of seamen which was taken up in 1952 has been completed; and

(b) if so, the total number of seamen who have registered their names?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) and (b). The work is nearing completion. Till the end of February this year, 61,043 seamen had registered their names.

STONE CRUSHERS

352. **Shri Krishnacharya Joshi:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sub-committee of the Indian Road Congress have recommended the manufacture of stone crushers in India; and

(b) if so, whether Government have accepted their recommendations?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) and (b). The Sub-Committee have recommended that the feasibility of manufacturing stone crushers in India should be investigated. This investigation is in progress.

POSTAL STAFF RECRUITMENT IN CALCUTTA

353. **Dr. Hari Mohan:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of clerks, postmen, packers and boy peons who were recruited in Calcutta in 1953; and

(b) the number of Scheduled castes amongst them?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) 911 Class III and Class IV officials were appointed in 1953.

(b) 149.