

SUGAR PRODUCTION

727. { Shri D. C. Sharma:
Dr. J. N. Parekh:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of sugar during the year 1954; and

(b) how far this production fell short of the requirements of the country?

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

(a) 10.01 lakh tons during 1953-54 season (from 1st November, 1953 to 31st October, 1954).

(b) By about eight lakh tons.

LABOUR WELFARE

728. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state the total amount spent on labour welfare during 1954-55 in so far as the Central Government is concerned?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

NEW RAILWAY LINES

729. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the nature of the schemes, if any, that have been sent by the Punjab Government for the construction of new railway lines in the Second Five Year Plan?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): It is not usual to disclose the nature of the proposals received from State Governments in this connection.

TUBE-WELLS

730. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of tube-wells sunk in Punjab State during the year 1954-55 under the T.C.M. and G.M.F. Programmes?

(b) the total amount allotted for this purpose; and

(c) the amount actually spent on these Programmes?

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

(a) Total number of tube-wells drilled is 515 (250 upto 28th February, 1955 under T.C.M. Programme and 265 upto the end of December, 1954 under G.M.F. Programme).

(b) The total amount sanctioned by the Government of India as loan to the State Government for the purpose was Rs. 120.18 lakhs (Rs. 82.68 lakhs for T.C.M. Programmes and Rs. 37.5 lakhs for G.M.F. Programme).

(c) The information regarding the amount actually spent is not available.

POSTAL SERVICES IN PUNJAB

731. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of post offices, telegraph offices, combined posts and telegraph offices and telephone offices proposed to be opened during the year 1955-56 in Punjab; and

(b) the names of the places where they will be opened?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). The details are being collected.

TEA GARDEN LABOURERS

732. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of workers in the tea gardens during 1954-55 in the various regions;

(b) the names of the regions in which the construction of hospitals is in hand;

(c) the names of the regions which have hospitals of their own; and

(d) the names of the regions for which the construction of hospitals is at the proposal stage?