

Grading of Rice and Paddy

481. { **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:**
Shri Sanganna:

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

(a) whether Government have prepared any plan for the commercial grading of rice and paddy standard; and

(b) if so, when that plan is likely to be introduced ?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain) : (a) Grading of varieties of rice on voluntary basis is already being done in U.P., Bombay and Madras States. It is proposed to extent the grading activities to other varieties of rice and all important rice producing areas, as and when there is sufficient demand for such grading. No plan as such has been prepared.

(b) Does not arise.

Sugarcane

482. { **Thakur Jugal Kishore Sinha:**
Babu Ramnarayan Singh:
Shri Asthana:

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

(a) the full requirement of sugarcane for running all the factories to their full capacities for the full crushing season ;

(b) the estimated supply of cane in 1955-56 season;

(c) the estimated output of sugar ; and

(d) the steps that have been taken to ensure the purchase of all available canes ?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) There are 149 registered sugar factories with a total daily crushing capacity of 1.37 lakh tons of sugarcane. On the basis of a normal crushing season of 120 days the full requirement of sugarcane comes to 164 lakh tons.

(b) and (c). The crushing season 1955-56 has just started and it is too early to give a reliable estimate either of supply of cane or output of sugar. During 1954-55 season, a total quantity of 160 lakh tons sugarcane was crushed by 136 factories with an average crushing season of 129 days, and the total production of sugar was 15.9 lakh tons. The supply of cane and the output of sugar in 1955-56 season might not be less having regard to the

increase in the area under sugarcane, although the crop in certain parts have been damaged by floods and heavy rains.

(d) The question of taking any steps will arise only if towards the end of the current crushing season any surplus quantity of sugarcane is reported.

Division Headquarters

483. { **Thakur Jugal Kishore Sinha:**
Babu Ramnarayan Singh:
Shri Asthana:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) which of the headquarters of a division are not within the circle to which they belong ;

(b) whether any request has been received for shifting such headquarters within the same circles; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto ?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur) : (a) the question apparently refers to the headquarters of R. M. S. 'C' Division attached to the Bihar Postal Circle and of the R.M.S. 'N.' Division attached to the Orissa Circle, at present located at Calcutta.

Headquarters of R.M.S. 'D' Division of Punjab Circle also are located at Delhi.

(b) Yes, in so far as 'C' and 'N' Divisions are concerned.

(c) The matter is under consideration.

Coal Mines Welfare Fund

484. **Shrimati Sushama Sen:** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state :

(a) the present amount of the Coal Mines Welfare Fund;

(b) the number of qualified welfare workers—men and women doctors and nurses employed in the Coal Mines Welfare Fund Organisation ;

(c) the number of creches provided so far in the collieries; and

(d) the number of play grounds provided out of the Fund ?

The Minister of Labour (Shri Khandubhai Desai): (a) Rs. 4,86,36,979 on 30-9-1955.

(b) 364.

(c) 230; additional 65 are under construction.

(d) 39; additional 6 are under construction.