

plantation workers in New Delhi. The associations of Indian Tea Planters in North East India have not so far agreed to the quantum of bonus payable under the Agreement. The matter is receiving Government's attention.

GUR

***161. Shri S. C. Singhal:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the prices of gur are very high this year; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) No. The prices of gur during the current season have not been high.

(b) Does not arise.

CHITTARANJAN CANCER HOSPITAL,
CALCUTTA

***169. Shri Sivamurthi Swami:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved a scheme to set up a centre for research in cancer in the Chittaranjan Cancer Hospital, Calcutta; and

(b) if so, the estimated cost of the building and equipment and the annual recurring expenses?

The Deputy Minister of Health (Shrimati Chandrasekhar): (a) and (b). A proposal has been received to this effect. The matter is under consideration.

कलकत्ता बन्दरगाह

***१७०. श्री जी०एल० चौधरी:** क्या परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि १९५५ में १९५४ की अपेक्षा कलकत्ता बन्दरगाह से होने वाले व्यापार में कमी हुई है; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

रेलवे तथा परिवहन उपमंत्री (श्री अल-नेशन): १९५४-५५ के साल में कलकत्ता बन्दरगाह के ज़रिये ७,८१३,८१३ टन का

समुद्री व्यापार हुआ जबकि सन १९५३-५४ की संख्या ८,०५६,०६६ टन थी। लिहाज़ा १९५४-५५ में व्यापार मामूली हद तक गिरा।

(ख) व्यापार के गिरने के कारण यह है कि कोयला, कच्ची धातु, लोहे का कचरा (स्क्रैप), चीनी, और चाय की निर्यात कम रही। इस किस्म की कमी-बेशी कोई असाधारण नहीं है और न ही इसके लिये विशेष कारण बताया जा सकता है।

CO-OPERATIVE SUGAR FACTORIES

***178. Shri S. C. Singhal:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to encourage sugar factories on co-operative lines, so that the cane-growers may get the major part of the profits of the sugar factories; and

(b) if so, with what result?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Licences have so far been issued to 20 co-operative factories. The Second Five Year Plan provides for establishing more co-operative sugar factories by 1960-61.

P. & T. OFFICES

65. Shri R. K. Gupta: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of post and telegraph offices opened in the District of Mohindergarh of PEPHU since 1953; and

(b) the number of such offices proposed to be opened in the above district during the year 1955-56?

The Minister of Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram): (a) 27 post offices upto 31-1-1956.

(b) (i) Post Offices—11 post offices have already been opened and 3 more are proposed to be opened in 1955-56.

(ii) Telegraph Offices: Nil.

NARMADA BRIDGE

66. Shri Kamath: Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to refer to the reply given to unstarred question