

Community Development Artisan Co-operative Societies

72. { **Sardar Iqbal Singh :**
Sardar Akarpuri:

Will the Minister of **Community Development** be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of artisan co-operative societies formed and working in the Community Project and Extension Block areas in Delhi State and their total membership;

(b) what percentage of the total artisans of that area have come into this co-operative fold; and

(c) the main difficulties, if any, experienced in marketing those products and the steps taken to overcome them?

The Minister of Community Development (Shri S. K. Dey) : (a) The total number of artisan co-operative Societies is 40 and their membership is 595.

(b) About ten per cent.

(c) High cost in relation to quality is the main difficulty in the marketing of these products. The steps taken to overcome this difficulty are :—

(i) A Technical Officer has been appointed under the Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Delhi to provide the necessary technical guidance;

(ii) Two Emporia, one run by the Government and the other by Indian Co-operative Union Ltd., arrange the sale of products of various Artisan Co-operative Societies. Besides, the Delhi State Handloom Depot, also run by the Government, arranges the sale of products of handloom societies.

Punjab Regional Tourists Traffic Advisory Committee

73. { **Sardar Iqbal Singh:**
Sardar Akarpuri:

Will the Minister of **Transport** be pleased to state:

(a) the names of members of the Punjab Regional Tourists Traffic Advisory Committee; and

(b) the interest each of them represents?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan) : (a) Presumably the Honourable Member is referring to the Punjab Tourist Traffic Advisory Committee set-up by the Go-

vernment of the Punjab. The name of members according to the information available are as follows:—

1. Mr. Justice G.D. Khosla, I.C.S. Chairman.
2. Shri Saroop Krishen, I.C.S., Commissioner, Ambala Division.
3. Tourist Reception and Information Officer, Simla.
4. Shri V.D. Dev, Director of Information, Pepsu.
5. Shri P.R. Mahajan, Director, Public Relations and Tourism, Himachal Pradesh.
6. Shri Suraj Singh, General Manager, Himachal Pradesh Transport.
7. Shri Gurcharan Singh Dhillon, Deputy Transport Controller, Punjab.
8. Shri H. K. Dass, Managing Director, Metro Motors Ltd., Ambala.
9. Shri H.K. Nagpal, S.D.O., P.W.D., Kulu.
10. Shri D.C. Verma, Director, Public Relations Punjab Secretary.

(b) Since the Committee is set-up by the Government of Punjab, the details are being ascertained from that Government.

All India Crop Competition

74. { **Sardar Iqbal Singh:**
Sardar Akarpuri:

Will the Minister of **Food and Agriculture** be pleased to state the number of States which have taken part in All India Level Crop Competition in 1956?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain) : The Scheme of All India Level Crop Competition was dropped for the year 1956. No entry has, therefore, been entertained from any State.

Technical Training Schools

75. { **Sardar Iqbal Singh:**
Sardar Akarpuri:

Will the Minister of **Community Development** be pleased to state:

(a) how many technical training schools have been opened in the Community Project and National Extension Service Block areas in Punjab and Delhi State during the last four years and how many persons have finished training;

(b) the total capacity of the schools and the period of training; and

(c) the main subjects taught and trained in?

The Minister of Community Development (Shri S. K. Dey) : (a) Presumably the Honourable Member is referring to the Demonstration-cum-Training Centres opened in Community Development and National Extension Service Blocks in Punjab and Delhi from October, 1952 *i.e.*, from the inauguration of the Community Development Programme. The position upto June, 1956 is as follows:—

	Punjab	Delhi	Total
1. Demonstration cum-Training Centres (Nos.)	250	2	252
2. Persons trained (No.)			
Refresher Training	273	..	273
Basic Training	7,197	259	7,456

(b) and (c). Training is imparted in these Centres in Several subjects *e.g.* carpentry, leather works, black-smithy, weaving and spinning etc. The period of Training varies from three to six months. The information with regard to the total capacity of these Centres is not available with the Central Government.

Flood Control

76. { **Sardar Iqbal Singh:**
Sardar Akarpuri:

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1684 on the 12th September, 1956 and state:

(a) whether the information in respect of some State Governments not providing proper machinery for collection of necessary data for flood control works has since been collected; and

(b) if so, when the information will be laid on the Table of the House?]

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi) : (a) The reply is in the affirmative.

(b) A statement giving the requisite information is attached. [See Appendix I, Annexure No. 29].

CORRECTION OF ANSWER TO STARRED QUESTION NO. 1329 DATED 22-3-1955.

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan) : It is regretted that the reply given to part (b) of the Starred Question No. 1329 put by Shri Anirudha Sinha on the 22nd March 1955 was incorrect and may, therefore, be replaced by the following reply:

“(b) Approximately Rs. 108 lakhs have been spent upto 31-1-1955. Figures upto February 1955 are not available at present.”