

Co-operative Sugar Factories in Bihar

*234. **Dr. Ram [Subhag Singh :** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state :

- (a) whether any requests have recently been received from Bihar for permission to set up co-operative sugar factories there ;
- (b) if so, how many requests have been received; and
- (c) in how many cases permission has been granted ?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain) : (a) to (c). Only one application dated 28th April, 1956 was received for establishing a co-operative sugar factory at Banmankhi, District Purnea. The Government has approved the grant of a licence which is under issue.

Control on the Movement of Food-grains

*235. { Shri Jethalal Joshi :
Dr. Ram Subhag Singh :
Shri R. N. Singh :
Shri L. N. Mishra :

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

- (a) in what parts of the country Government have imposed control on the movement of foodgrains; and
- (b) how far the fair price shops opened by Government have eased the situation ?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain) : (a) Government have imposed control on the movement of wheat from and into the cities of Delhi, Calcutta and Bombay. Export of rice, paddy and products thereof from the territories of Manipur and Tripura and the State of Assam is also restricted.

- (b) The general rising tendency in the prices of foodgrains has largely been arrested.

Hirakud Dam Project

*236. **Shri Sanganna :** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state :

- (a) whether all the aspects of the Hirakud Dam Project work have been completed ;
- (b) whether the other continuous projects at Nara] and Tikarapara for flood

control will be taken up as the next stage ; and

- (c) if so, when ?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi) : (a) The main dam, dykes and canals have been substantially completed. The first Irrigation waters were let out on the 7th September, 1956. Civil works in the Hydro-Power House are nearly complete. Out of the 4 generating units to be installed, one unit of 24,000 KW, is ready for being commissioned during this year. The unit was on test run on the 28th October, 1956.

- (b) and (c). These have not been included in the Second Five Year Plan and will not be taken up in the near future.

Refrigeration Wagons

*237. **Shri V. P. Nayar :** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether Government have considered the desirability of running refrigeration wagons from Cochin to Delhi and back for the transport of iced fish and fruits ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan No. The volume of traffic in fish and fruits moving at present between Cochin area and Delhi is not such as would justify the provision of refrigerated rail transport for its conveyance.

Howrah-Burdwan Line Electrification

{ Shri Chattopadhyaya :
Shri Velayudhan :
Shri D. C. Sharma :
Shri H. N. Mukerjee :
Dr. Ram Subhag Singh :

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 785 on 7th August, 1956, and state, :

- (a) the progress up to the end of October, 1956 in regard to the electrification of Howrah - Bandal- Burdwan Section ;
- (b) whether the first electrical train in this section will run in July, 1957 as stated in the House; and
- (c) if not, the reasons there for ?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagooan) : (a) to (c) A statement is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix II annexure No. 11].