

(b) if so, whether Government will sanction this second trunk line in view of the fact that Palavaram is a tribal area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. Action has been initiated to provide the second trunk line.

Uneconomical Rate for Less Recovery of Sugar from Sugarcane

4632 SHRI. ANAND SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cane factories in U.P. pay less cane price to the farmers if the sugar recovery is less due to poor cane quality;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the factories, again pay less cane price to the farmers, even if the sugar recovery is less due to their negligence and improper maintenance of the factories;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps Government proposes to take so that the farmers may get the cane price according to their cane quality?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTIONS (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a)

to (c). The statutory minimum cane price payable by a sugar factory is linked to a sugar recovery of 8.5 per cent or less with proportionate premia for higher recoveries. No factory can pay less than the statutory minimum. The percentage of recovery depends on both, the quality of cane as well as the factories' operational efficiency. The share of each factor in lowering recovery cannot be quantified.

(d) A Committee has been set up to examine the feasibility of evolving a scheme for payment of cane price on quality basis.

Complaints/Appreciations against Bhagirath

4633. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR YADAV: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the purpose and arrangement for publication of 'Bhagirath' journals;

(b) what is the function of the Editorial Board and who are the members of Editorial Board of Bhagirath journals;

(c) how many complaints and appreciations have been received against English and Hindi Bhagirath and what steps have been taken for improving the working of these two journals; and

(d) what are reasons of delay in the monthly publication of these journals and arrangements being made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Two journals, "Bhagirath" in Hindi and "Bhagirath" in English are published by the Central Water Commission, an attached office of the Ministry of Irrigation. The purpose of publishing the two journals is to enlighten the readers on the plans and progress in irrigation, power, flood control and allied sectors. The journals are published through the Publications Division of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

(b) The function of the Editorial Board is to give guidance for improvement of journals. The members of the Editorial Board for Bhagirath (Hindi) are as given below:—

1. Shri Pritem Singh Chairman
Member (D&R), Central water
Commission.