

Food Production

297. **Shri V. P. Nayar:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the actual increase in yield per acre of foodgrains attained by the use of (i) chemical fertilisers and (ii) seeds of higher yielding strains?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas):

(i) On the basis of a large number of trials conducted in cultivator's fields during the last three years the additional average yield obtained by the application of 20 lbs. of Nitrogen, in the form of Ammonium Sulphate per acre, was 346 lbs. of paddy; 231 lbs. of wheat (irrigated) and 147 lbs. of wheat (non-irrigated).

Application of 20 lbs. of phosphorous as superphosphate per acre, gave an additional yield of 275 lbs. of paddy; 174 lbs. wheat (irrigated) and 108 lbs. of wheat (non irrigated).

The combination of 20 lbs. of Nitrogen and 20 lbs. of phosphorous per acre gave an additional yield of 512 lbs. paddy, 338, lbs. wheat (irrigated) and 189 lbs. of wheat (non-irrigated).

(ii) 10 to 15 per cent. on an average.

Eggs

298. **Shri V. P. Nayar:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of (i) hens eggs and (ii) duck eggs produced in the country in 1956 and how does this compare with the First Year of the First Five Year Plan;

(b) what is the per capita availability of eggs in India during these two years; and

(c) the total amount spent in India during the period for poultry development?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas):

(a) The total number of hen's eggs

produced in the country in 1956 on the basis of Poultry census taken in 1956 is estimated at 1908 million. This production is higher by 42% than the 1951 figure. Information in respect of ducks eggs is not available.

(b) Per capita availability of eggs during these two years is:

1951 — 3.7 eggs.

1956 — 5.3 „

(c) No Central Poultry Development Scheme was in operation before 1955-56. A Pilot Poultry Project was initiated during 1955-56 on which an expenditure of Rs. 2.07 lakhs was incurred. During 1956-57 a sum of Rs. 3.28 lakhs was incurred on the transport and rearing of 30,000 one-day-old chicks received under the T.C.M. aid, and a sum of Rs. 10.25 lakhs (Rs. 9.22 lakhs as grant and Rs. 1.03 lakhs as loan) was placed at the disposal of the States for development work.

Rihand Dam

299. **Shri Kalika Singh:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether the progress in the construction and completion of the Rihand Dam by the year 1959 has been held up due to short supply of materials from foreign countries or for certain other reasons;

(b) what amount of money, if any has been made available to the State Government of U.P. by the Central Government as Central assistance for the Dam apart from the foreign loan paid as loan to the U.P. Government; and

(c) what amount of money has been spent up-to-date on the Rihand Dam and from what sources, and the amount yet to be spent?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri S. K. Patil): (a) The Rihand Dam is scheduled to be completed in 1961 and not in 1959.

According to the information received from the State Government, there has not been any hold-up of work uptil now but, if the foreign exchange required for the project does not become available in time, the progress may be delayed.

(b) Apart from the cost of equipment obtained under the T.C.M. Aid Programme (Rs. 55,32,500 during 1955-56 and Rs. 2,46,91,442 in 1956-57), the following loans have been given to the Government of Uttar Pradesh for the execution of the project so far:

Year	Amount
1954-55	Rs. 89,00,000
1955-56	Rs. 3,00,00,000
1956-57	Rs. 2,50,00,000
Total	Rs. 6,39,00,000

(c) The total expenditure on the Project from December, 1947 (when work was first started) up to the end of March, 1957, was about Rs. 10 crores, inclusive of the cost of equipment obtained under the T.C.M. Aid Programme. Prior to 1954-55, expenditure on the Project was met by the State Government as in the case of other development schemes. From 1954-55 onwards, the expenditure is being met from the loans advanced by the Centre specifically for this project. The amount to be spent after March, 1957, is about Rs. 35 crores.

Central Road Fund

300. **Shri B. J. Rao:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state the amount allotted to the State of Orissa from the Central Road Fund for the Year 1956-57?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (**Shri Raj Bahadur**): The amount allocated during the year 1956-57 was Rs. 7,07,448.

Tinnelveli to Kanya Kumari Railway line

301. **Shri Ganapathy:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the formation of Railway line between Tinnelveli and Kanya Kumari (Cape) has been included in the Second Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, when it will be implemented?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (**Shri Shahnawaz Khan**): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Booking Facilities on Railways

302. **Shri Shree Narayan Das:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the question of booking passengers to and from the crossing stations of Rambhadrapur and Baluaha on the Samastipur Darbhanga Branch of North Eastern Railway has been considered; and

(b) if so, the nature of decision taken?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (**Shri Shahnawaz Khan**): (a) and (b). It is proposed to open shortly these stations, for booking of passengers and their luggage.

States Electricity Boards

303. **Shri L. N. Mishra:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States where Electricity Boards have been set up so far;

(b) whether the setting up of these States Electricity Boards have proved helpful in providing stimulus to the programme of rural electrification; and

(c) if so, to what extent?