

Fruit Experimental Station

1310. **Shri E. Narayanasamy:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to develop the Fruit Experimental Garden near Periyakulam, Madurai District into an Experimental Station; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposal?

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

(b) A scheme for the establishment of a research station for the intensification of research on mango, citrus and grapes was sanctioned in the Madras State during 1956-57. The Scheme is being financed by the Government of India and the State Government on 50:50 basis. The Madras Government have recently intimated that all possible sites in Madurai and Tirunelveli districts for the location of this research station were surveyed and the selection of a site near Periakulam is under consideration. Steps for acquiring the land for the proposed research station are being taken by the State Government. The Scheme has not yet started.

Water Supply to Delhi Industrial Areas

1311. **Shri Damani:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) the steps Government are taking to supply water to the Delhi Industrial Areas, where industrial units are experiencing much difficulty due to paucity of water and it is becoming a problem for them; and

(b) what are the difficulties in meeting the water supply demands of the Industrial units?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): (a) As far as bulk

water supply to industrial areas is concerned, a reservoir near Ramjas Hill and a 24" rising main to feed the reservoir have already been constructed. Water, however, cannot be supplied because the distribution mains have not yet been laid. This is the responsibility of the Municipal Committees concerned.

(b) The Delhi Municipal and West Delhi Municipal Committees who have no funds to meet the cost of the pipes have requested this Ministry for grant of loans for the purpose. The matter is under active consideration.

Anglo-Indians in P. & T. Department

1312. **Shri Frank Anthony:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts reserved for Anglo-Indians in the P. & T. Department in the calendar years 1946, 1947, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955 and 1956;

(b) the number of Anglo-Indian applicants for the above posts in each of the above years; and

(c) the number of the above posts actually filled by Anglo-Indians during the above years?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (c). Information for the year 1946 is not available. A statement giving the information for the years 1947 to 1956 is placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

(b) Information for the years 1946 to 1954 is not available as the records for these years have been destroyed. Attempts are being made to collect the information for the years 1955 onwards and it will be furnished in due course if it becomes available.