

- (b) the area under irrigation;
- (c) the area of cultivable waste land; and
- (d) the area under forest?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) to (d). Since the territory has not so far been surveyed, no reliable statistics are available.

Cooperative Sugar Factories in Andhra

786. Shri M. V. Krishna Rao: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications received by the Government of India from Andhra Pradesh for the grant of licences to open co-operative sugar factories during the year 1956-57;

(b) how many licences have been granted during above period; and

(c) the names of the places?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) Two applications were received during 1956-57 for establishment of Co-operative Sugar Factories at Payakoraopeta, Distt. Visakhapatnam, and Eluru, Distt. West Godavari, in Andhra Pradesh. The former, which was for establishing a factory by shifting an idle plant, was sanctioned on 26th October, 1957 and the latter was rejected.

(b) and (c). Licences were granted in 1956-57 for the establishment of five cooperative sugar factories at following places:—

1. Tehsil Chodavaram, Distt. Visakhapatnam.
2. Tehsil Srikakulam, Distt. Srikakulam.
3. Palakole, Distt. West Godavari.
4. Tehsil Hindupur, Distt. Anantapur.
5. Chittoor, Distt. Chittoor.

The applications for these were received before 1st April, 1956.

Conference of National Harbour Board

787. Shri M. V. Krishna Rao: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the problems discussed in the Conference of National Harbour Board in August, September, 1957 at Kandla and the recommendations made by them; and

(b) the steps taken to implement those recommendations?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of Lok Sabha. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-398/57]

State Road Transport Commissioners Conference

788. Shri Tangamani: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to lay a statement on the Table containing the decisions of the State Road Transport Commissioners Conference held at Chandigarh?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): The Hon. Member has presumably in mind the Conference of the representatives of State Transport Undertakings held at Chandigarh in October, 1957. The proceedings of this Conference are under preparation and will be laid on the table of the House shortly.

Sanitary Arrangements in Andaman Islands

789. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the spread of any diseases in the Andaman Islands due to lack of sanitary arrangements; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken for preventing it?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): (a) There had been cases of polio and influenza in the islands but this cannot be attributed to the lack of sanitary arrangements.