

The Minister of Community Development (Shri S. K. Dey): (a) The rural area of the Delhi Territory is already fully covered with Blocks.

(b) Rs. 26.28 lakhs.

Commissioner for Food Production

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

(a) whether there is any proposal to appoint a whole-time Commissioner for Food Production in the country; and

(b) if so, whether any fresh scheme for augmenting food production in the country has also been prepared?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) The Government of India have already decided to appoint an Agricultural Production Adviser.

(b) No fresh scheme as such has been prepared. The Food production schemes agreed to at the recent discussions with the State Governments will when implemented augment the food production.

Post Offices in Gurdaspur District of Punjab

417. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of post offices in Gurdaspur District in Punjab State now functioning in private rented buildings;

(b) the rents paid by Government on the above post offices from 1950-51 to 1957-58 so far, year-wise;

(c) whether there was any proposal for the construction of buildings for the functioning of these post offices; and

(d) if so, how many are under construction and the amount so far spent?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) to (d). A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 74]

Quarters for Post and Telegraphs Employees

418. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of money spent on the construction of quarters for the staff of Posts and Telegraphs Department in 1957-58 so far;

(b) the money spent on the construction of quarters in Delhi Circle during the same period; and

(c) the budget provisions for the construction of such quarters?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha.

हिमाचल प्रदेश में भेड़ पालन केन्द्र

४१६. श्री पद्म देव : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) हिमाचल प्रदेश में कितने भेड़ पालन केन्द्र हैं ; और

(ख) इन केन्द्रों पर अब तक कितना खर्च हुआ है ?