

(b) the reasons for wagons not being made available to the applicants?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahmwas Khan): (a) On 31-3-1958, a total of 1,394 registrations of non-programmed traffic was outstanding on North Eastern Railway for destinations in Assam.

(b) Due to limited capacity over the Assam Rail Link, priority for movement over this section is given to traffic sponsored by the Assam Government and programmed by the Trade Adviser and Director of Movements, Government of Assam, such movements are arranged by the Director, Rail Movement, Calcutta. In addition to this, movements on Central Government account sponsored by various Ministries have also to be accommodated. Any spare capacity that may be available after arranging these movements is utilised for non-programmed traffic. From the 20th of March, two special trains a week are being run by the North Eastern Railway with traffic for Assam. Out of this, one train load is made available for non-programmed traffic.

Forests in Assam

2669. Shri Hem Barua: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether an investigation into the forest resources of the State of Assam was made recently; and

(b) if so, the prospect of industries in this direction?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir; in 1954 under the F.A.O. programme for technical assistance, Mr. Vinton L. Burns, was invited to advise and to assist the Government of Assam in appraising the forest resources and developing forest industries in the State. His assignment was for a total period of 16 months. He submitted his report in June, 1957. A brief statement of his findings and important recommendations is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix VII, annexure No. 145(a)].

Import of Foodgrains

2670. Shri Surendranath Dwivedy: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of foodgrains imported in the first two years of the Second Plan; and

(b) the amount of foodgrains proposed to be imported in the third year of the Second Plan?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) About 5.7 million tons.

(b) About 2.5 million tons.

हिमाचल प्रदेश के पंचायत क्षेत्रों में औषधालय

२६७१. श्री पद्म देव : क्या स्वास्थ्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) हिमाचल प्रदेश के कितने पंचायत क्षेत्रों में औषधालय हैं ;

(ख) १९५७-५८ में कितने औषधालय खोले गये ;

(ग) इनमें से आयुर्वेदिक तथा यूनानी औषधालय कितने हैं ; और

(घ) पंचायत क्षेत्रों में औषधालय कब तक खुल जायेंगे ?

स्वास्थ्य मंत्री (श्री कश्करकर) : (क) इस समय हिमाचल प्रदेश में १६७ अस्पताल और औषधालय हैं। पंचायत क्षेत्रों का संख्या ४६८ है। अस्पताल तथा औषधालय पंचायत क्षेत्रों के आधार पर नहीं खोले गये हैं।

(ख) दस।

(ग) १९५७-५८ में खोले गये औषधालयों में से साठ आयुर्वेदिक औषधालय थे। हिमाचल प्रदेश में कोई यूनानी औषधालय नहीं है।

(घ) द्वितीय पंचवर्षीय योजना की शेष अवधि में जिला विकास समितियों के द्वारा सिफारिश किये गये स्थानों पर निम्न व्योरे के अनुसार मोलह आयुर्वेदिक और

आठ एलोपैरिक बीजवालय बीजन का बिचार है :—

१९५८-५९ १९५९-६० १९६०-६१

घासुबैरिक	६	६	५
एलोपैरिक	५ (पिछड़े क्षेत्र में दो बीजवालयों सहित)	२	२

Seed Multiplication Farms

2672. Shri Kamal Singh: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the number of seed multiplication farms established so far in Bihar; and

(b) the amount given to the State Government in this regard as subsidy during 1957-58 and how much has been spent?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) 160 Seed

Multiplication Farms have so far been established and, land acquisition proceedings for 140 farms have also been finalised.

(b) A subsidy of Rs. 42,18,750 was sanctioned to the State Government for the setting up of Seed Multiplication Farms during 1957-58. The State Government have fully utilised that subsidy.

Irrigation and Power Projects in Punjab

2673. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state the Central assistance in the forms of loans and grants given to Irrigation and Power Projects located in the State of Punjab during the First Five Year Plan and the Second Five Year Plan?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathl): The assistance in the form of loans advanced to the Punjab Government during the First Five Year Plan and the Second Five Year Plan (first two years) is as under:—

Sl. No.	Scheme	Plan Period	Amount
1. Bhakra Nangal Project		First Plan	Rs. 97.83 crores.
		Second Plan	Rs. 30.39 "
2. Harike		First Plan	Rs. 5.04 "
		Second Plan	Nil
3. Expansion of Power Facilities		First Plan	Rs. 3.5 lakhs.
		Second Plan	Rs. 1.00 lakhs.
4. Scarcity area schemes		First Plan	Rs. 30 Lakhs.
		Second Plan	Rs. 8.5 Lakhs.
5. *Miscellaneous Development Schemes		First Plan	Rs. 11.95 crores.
		Second Plan	Rs. 1.00 crores.

*Loans under miscellaneous development Programms are sanctioned for various Development Schemes of the State Government, which, *inter-alia*, also include some irrigation and Power Schemes. Loans are sanctioned for all the schemes as a whole and no separate allocation is made exclusively for irrigation and power schemes.

Soil Conservation in Punjab

2674. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be

pleased to state the amount allotted for the Second Five Year Plan to Punjab State for soil conservation schemes?