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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 Second Plan	Rs. 97.83 crores. Rs. 30.39 "
2.	Harike	First Plan Second Plan	Rs. 5.04 " Nil
3.	Expansion of Power Facilities	First Plan Second Plan	Rs. 3.5 lakhs. Rs. 1.00 lakhs.
4.	Scarcity area schemes	First Plan Second Plan	Rs. 30 Lakhs. Rs. 8.5 Lakhs.
5.	*Miscellaneous Development Schemes	First Plan Second Plan	Rs. 11.95 crores. 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?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. F. Jais): Rs. 62.99 lakhs.

Villupuram Railway Workshop

2677. Shri Nayaperumal: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons selected to Class IV posts from the 1st January, 1957 to the 31st March, 1958 in Villupuram Railway Workshop;

(b) the number of applications received for these vacancies during the same period; and

(c) the number of Scheduled Caste candidates selected among them?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawas Khan): (a) There is no Railway Workshop as such at Villupuram. There is however, a Running Shed for which no selection was held between 1-1-1957 and 31-3-1958.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Trains Running without Lights

2678. Shri K. C. Jena: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sometimes trains run in Orissa without lights and the District Magistrate of Balasore once detained a train as there was no light in it;

(b) if so, the number of such occasions during the years 1956-57 and 1957-58; and

(c) the reasons for the running of trains on this zone without lights?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawas Khan): (a) Yes.

(b) On three occasions in 1956-57 and on two occasions in 1957-58. The trains affected were 325 Up and 326 Dn, 409 Up and 410 Dn.

(c) Out of the five occasions referred in (b) the failure of lights on three occasions was due to thefts of the trains lighting equipment resulting in batteries being discharged. The fourth failure was only for the first part of the journey of the train and was due

to defective operation of the switch for switching 'on' the lights. This was subsequently put right. The fifth failure was on 409 Up Kharagpur-Nagpur Parcel Express. It was caused due to insufficient number of equipped coaches provided on the train.

It has become extremely difficult to maintain a good standard of lighting on trains in this area due to large number of thefts of train lighting equipment taking place from running trains. The security department have arranged R.P.F. staff to escort the badly affected trains. Steps have also been taken to provide sufficient stores to replace the stolen materials in order to put the defective coach back into service without undue delay. In the case of Parcel Express the number of equipped coaches on the rake have been increased.

Kharagpur Railway Workshop

2679. Shri K. C. Jena: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of employees working at present in the Kharagpur Railway Workshop, South Eastern Railway;

(b) the number of employees belonging to each category;

(c) the number of employees of each category belonging to the Scheduled Castes; and

(d) whether the quota reserved for them has been duly filled up?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawas Khan): (a) to (d). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

Orissa Flying Club

2680. Shri Panigrahi: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India have made any allotment for the Orissa Flying Club for the year 1958-59; and