

(b) the total amount allotted for the same purpose under the Second Five Year Plan;

(c) whether the Punjab Government have approached the Central Government for additional funds for this purpose; and

(d) if so, the amount thereof?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) An amount of Rs. 509.46 lakhs was allotted during the First Five Year Plan.

(b) An amount of Rs. 587.46 lakhs has been allotted under the Second Five Year Plan.

(c) and (d). During the year 1957-58 an additional sum of Rs. 4.69 lakhs was asked for by the State Government for some Schemes but it could not be sanctioned as the ceiling fixed for the year was exhausted.

For the year 1958-59 the State Government had asked for Rs. 200.13 lakhs against which an amount of Rs. 145.43 lakhs has been approved in consultation with the Planning Commission.

Transport in Himachal Pradesh

1757. Shri Hem Raj: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 448 on the 20th November, 1957 and state:

(a) whether any final decision has since been taken by the Himachal Pradesh Administration for starting passenger Transport Services between Aut and Banjar; and

(b) if so, when the service will start?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Road Transport Corporation

1758. Shri Hem Raj: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 447 on the 20th November, 1957 and state:

(a) whether the proposal for the setting up of a Road Transport Corporation jointly by the Punjab Government and the Himachal Pradesh Administration has been finalised; and

(b) if so, what are its main features?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Warehouses in Punjab

1759. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the places selected in Punjab for the construction of warehouses; and

(b) the details of cost of each?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) Final selection has not yet been made but it has been tentatively decided by the Central Warehousing Corporation to have the warehousing at the following places in Punjab State during 1958-59?

1. Moga.

2. Karnal or Abohar.

(b) The estimated cost including value of site and ancillary buildings of a warehouse of 5,000 tons capacity, would be about Rs. 5 lakhs each.