

(काश्मीर) के स्थान पर किया हुआ है और जिसमें हिमाचल प्रदेश से भी प्रशिक्षणार्थी भेजे गये हैं। वे प्रशिक्षण प्राप्त करेंगे और फिर सुधरे हुये टेक्निक्स में बन कार्यकर्ताओं को शिक्षा देंगे, जिसके परिणामस्वरूप बंगाल लकड़ी का प्रतिशत कम करने और ईंधन तथा इमारती लकड़ी का उत्पादन बढ़ाने में आशा की जा सकती है।

(ग) प्रश्न ही नहीं होता।

Purchase of Fertilizers in Himachal Pradesh

3020. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have advanced short term loans to agriculturists in Himachal Pradesh for the purchase of fertilizers during 1957-58; and

(b) if so, the conditions on which loans have been given?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Loans have been given in kind on the condition that they will be repaid after the harvest of the crop for which the loans is given as arrears of land revenue.

Gazetted Officers in Posts and Telegraphs Department

3021. Shri Ghosal: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to retain the Gazetted Officers in service beyond 55 years of age in Posts and Telegraphs Department; and

(b) if so, how many such officers were granted extension during 1957-58 and for what period?

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

in very exceptional circumstances, in the interest of public service.

(b) One officer and for one year.

Delay in Postal Delivery

3022. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state the reasons for the ordinary letters taking three or four days to reach the villages from Dehra Gopipur in Kangra district of Punjab?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): The present arrangement for delivery of mails in the villages under Dehra Gopipur Sub-Post office and its branch post offices is indicated in the Statement laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See appendix VIII, annexure No. 75.]

The Postmaster General, Punjab, has been directed to examine the possibility of sending the mails to the branch post offices by public bus services. He has also been requested to consider the revision of the existing arrangements for village delivery and conveyance of mails to the branch offices to see if any improvement is practicable.

Sugar Mills in U.P.

3023. Shri Tyagi: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the names of sugar mills in U.P. where a price cut of annas -2|- per maund of sugar cane was effected on account of low recovery rates during 1955-56 crushing season; and

(b) what are the recovery results of these mills upto the 28th February, 1958 in the current season;

(c) whether Government are now refunding the deductions effected in the price of sugar cane; and

(d) if so, in which factory areas and on what grounds?