

Central Rice Committee

2341. **Sardar Iqbal Singh:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has considered the recommendation of Central Rice Committee regarding the demarcation of Rice Areas;

(b) whether Government has accepted this recommendation; and

(c) if so, areas demarcated in this regard?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) The recommendation is still under the consideration of Government of India.

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

Irrigation Works in Punjab

2342. **Sardar Iqbal Singh:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allotted to the State of Punjab for medium and minor irrigation works in 1957-58 and how much has been actually spent; and

(b) the extent of land brought under cultivation as a result of these works?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) and (b). This Ministry is concerned with Minor Irrigation Works only and the information in that connection is being collected and will be placed on the Table of Sabha in due course.

D-4 Thrashers and Graders

2343. **Shri Daljit Singh:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that D-4 thrashers and graders were sent to Himachal Pradesh to be shown by the T.C.M. for agricultural demonstration; and

(b) if so, the names of places where these were shown with dates?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Wheat from U.S.A.

2344. **Shri Sarju Pandey:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of wheat imported from U.S.A. so far under Public Law 480; and

(b) the quantity found infested and unfit for human consumption?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) About 3.6 million tons, since the agreement with U.S.A. was signed in August 1956.

(b) No quantity was found infested. The quantity which became unfit for human consumption mainly as a result of contact with sea water during voyage was also very small.

Conference of General Managers

2345. { **Shri S. M. Banerjee:**
Shri Tangamani:
Shri Sarju Pandey:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Conference of General Managers, Railways was held in Delhi in August, 1958;

(b) if so, the purpose of this Conference; and

(c) the decisions taken?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawas Khan): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The attention of the Honourable Members is drawn to parts (b) and (c) of the answer already given on the subject to starred question No. 618 by Sarvashri Bibhuti Mishra and Harish Chandra Mathur in the Lok Sabha on 28th November, 1957.