

supply of plant and machinery to all the eleven cooperative sugar factories through two consortiums of sugar machinery manufacturers. It is expected that four plants would be available by January, 1961, and the remaining seven by October, 1961.

**Allotment of Wheat to States**

1047. { Shri Ram Krishan:  
Shri Nagi Reddy:  
Shrimati Parvathi Krishnan:  
Sardar Iqbal Singh:  
Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of wheat allotted by the Union Government to various States during 1958-59 so far (State-wise); and

(b) the quantities of wheat actually utilised out of this allotted quota so far (State-wise)?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) and (b). A statement is placed on the Table showing the quantity of wheat actually supplied to each State from central stocks and the total quantity actually utilised in each State during the period from 1st April, 1958 to 31st January, 1959. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 88]

**Rajasthan Canal Project**

1048. { Shri Ram Krishan:  
Shri Supakar:  
Shrimati Parvathi Krishnan:  
Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:  
Shri D. C. Sharma:  
Shri Anrobindo Ghosal:  
Shri Siddananjappa:

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 268 on the 27th November, 1958 and state:

(a) whether the scheme of setting up of the administrative machinery

and the Control Board for the Rajasthan Canal Project has since been finalised;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the progress made so far in the preparation of a Master Plan for Rajasthan Canals; and

(d) the total area which the Canals will irrigate and the expenditure involved in the project?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) The reply is in the affirmative.

(b) A copy of the Ministry of Irrigation and Power Resolution No. DW-III-26(4)58, dated the 19th December, 1958, giving the constitution and functions of the 'Committee of Direction' and the 'Rajasthan Canal Board' is placed on the Table. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 89].

(c) A Master Plan for the entire area will be prepared after the contour plans, which are being carried out by the Survey of India, become available, by the end of 1960. Broad outlines for the lay out of railways and roads are being examined by the Rajasthan Canal Board and are expected to be finalised within the next six months.

(d) The Rajasthan Canal Project has been sanctioned at an estimated cost of Rs. 66.47 crores and will irrigate an area of 16.84 lakh acres.

**Encephalitis**

1049. { Shri Ram Krishan:  
Shri Pangarkar:

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 307 on the 20th August, 1958, and state:

(a) whether the Government have found out the virus responsible for Encephalitis;

(b) if not, how far Government has achieved success in formulating some

broad conclusions as to how the infection is caused; and

(c) the number of children who died due to Encephalitis during the period August, 1958 to January, 1959?

The Minister of Health (Shri Kar-markar): (a) and (b). Encephalitis means the inflammation of the brain. This can be caused by a variety of causes which include infection with known bacteria and viruses. The recent epidemics of encephalitis in children are presumably due to viruses.

Epidemic encephalitis due to virus falls in the following two categories:—

- (i) That due to a virus transmitted by an insect, such as the mosquito. An epidemic of this infection occurred in South India about two years ago and, even now, a few sporadic cases are being noted. This epidemic was diagnosed as due to the Japanese B encephalitis virus, transmitted by a mosquito.
- (ii) That due presumably to viruses excreted in the stools of patients, cases of which have occurred in many places in the country during the last three years, notably in Jamshedpur, Nagpur, Lucknow and Delhi. A number of viruses have been isolated by workers from these cases. They are at present under study. One of them might turn out to be the cause of the epidemics.

The epidemics which have been mentioned above have also been studied clinically, epidemiologically, etc. The available evidence seems to indicate that these are due to an intestinal virus. This suggests that the infection spreads like other intestinal infections, e.g., typhoid, dysentery, etc. through the agency of contaminated foodstuffs, flies and through insanitary conditions relating to water supply and sewage disposal. This view is supported by observations made in other parts of the world.

(c) The requisite information is being collected and it will be laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha in due course.

दिल्ली के ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में कुएं

१०५०. श्री नवल प्रभाकर : क्या सामुदायिक विकास तथा सहकार मंत्री यह बतानेकी कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वर्ष १९५८-५९ में अब तक दिल्ली के ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में कितने नये कुएं खोदे गये ;

(ख) कितने पक्के कुओं की मरम्मत की गयी ; और

(ग) उन पर कितना व्यय हुआ ?

सामुदायिक विकास मंत्री के समा-  
सचिव (श्री ड० स० मूर्ति) : (क) ५५।

(ख) ३५

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दिल्ली में तालाब

१०५१. श्री नवल प्रभाकर : क्या सामुदायिक विकास तथा सहकार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) वर्ष १९५८-५९ में अब तक दिल्ली के ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में कितने तालाबों की मरम्मत की गयी ;

(ख) उन पर कितना व्यय हुआ ;

(ग) क्या इस कार्य में जनता का सहयोग प्राप्त किया गया था ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो उसका विवरण क्या है ?

सामुदायिक विकास मंत्री के समा-  
सचिव (श्री ड० स० मूर्ति) : (क) ७२।

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