

for assistants to labour Co-operative Societies in Punjab during 1959 so far.

Subsidised Industrial Housing Scheme

3567. Shri L. Achaw Singh: Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) the number of houses constructed during 1958-59 in the co-operative sector under the Subsidised Industrial Housing Scheme; and

(b) the number of industrial workers benefited by the Scheme in this sector?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri K. C. Reddy): (a) *182.

(b) Since the inception of the Scheme, financial assistance has so far been sanctioned to Co-operatives of Industrial Workers for construction of 2309 houses.

*Note.—Based on the reports so far received from the State Governments.

Field Publicity Staff Unit at Imphal

3568. Shri L. Achaw Singh: Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a Field Publicity Unit stationed at Imphal;

(b) the achievement of the Unit and the amount spent so far;

(c) whether there is any co-ordination of work, between the Plan Publicity Officer of the Development Department and the Publicity Department of the Manipur Administration; and

(d) whether any coordination committee was formed to maintain close coordination and liaison among them?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Like other Field Publicity Units of this Ministry the Unit at Imphal which was set up in Septem-

ber, 1955, has covered extensively the rural areas of Manipur both in the hills and the plains doing publicity for the Plan by organising film shows, public meetings, discussion groups, drama performances, etc. The expenditure is not booked Unit-wise but the recurring expenditure on a Unit comes to about Rs. 2,000 p.m

(c) Yes, Sir. Coordinated itineraries and programmes of work are chalked out in consultation with the Publicity Department and the Development Department of the Manipur Administration.

(d) No such Committee has been formed but the matter is now under the Administration's consideration

Consumer Price Index Numbers for Imphal

3569. Shri L. Achaw Singh: Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) whether any consumer price index numbers are maintained for Imphal;

(b) if so, for which years the index numbers are available; and

(c) if not, whether there is any proposal to start maintaining such index numbers under the auspices of the Statistical Bureau?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No.

Mismanaged and Closed Tea Gardens

3570. Shri P. C. Borooah: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering taking over the mismanaged and closed tea gardens;

(b) if so, the details of these tea gardens; and