

Kharif Campaign

487. Shri Abdul Salam: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Kharif campaign of food production has been a partial failure in some States; and

(b) if so, what are the physical achievements, State-wise, in relation to the targets set under the campaign?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) and (b). The required information will be available from the States by end of May, 1960 and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha.

Over-bridge at Kozhikode

488. Shri A. K. Gopalan: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the position regarding the proposal to construct a road over-bridge at Kozhikode Railway Station?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): Acceptance of the Road Authorities to the revised plans for the proposed road over-bridge in place of existing level crossing on Mohamad Abdurahiman Road in Calicut, is awaited.

Research Designs and Standards Organisation

**489. { Shri Vajpayee:
 { Shri Muhammed Elias:**

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1564 on the 16th December, 1959, and state:

(a) whether the proposal to shift the Mechanical Wing of the Research, Designs and Standards Organisation to Simla has since been finalised; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Yes.

(b) Details are being worked out in consultation with Ministry of Works, Housing & Supply.

Press Messages from Durgapur

490. Shri C. K. Bhattacharya: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that preference was given to press messages in Hindi on the occasion of inauguration of the blast furnace at Durgapur by the President on 29th December, 1959;

(b) if so, whether as a result of this, messages booked in the afternoon for non-Hindi papers in Calcutta reached those papers next day about 30 hours after the booking;

(c) whether the messages meant for Bengali newspapers stood last in the order of priority; and

(d) if so, whether there is a rule that messages should be sent according to the order of booking at the office?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Dr. P. Subbarayan): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). All the telegrams were transmitted according to the class of precedence and time of booking as provided under the rules.

Development of Orchards in Bombay

491. Shri Pangarkar: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the amount of Central assistance given to Bombay State for developing orchards during the Second Plan period so far?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): The following amounts of loans and grants have been given by the Centre to Bombay State for