

2. Government Agricultural College, Nagpur.
3. Government Agricultural College, Akola.
4. Government Agricultural College, Parbhani.
5. Government Agricultural College, Dhulia. (Recently sanctioned by the State Govt.).
6. Private Agricultural College, Akola.

(b) No cash grant has been given by the Central Government for any of the above Colleges during 1960-61. However, laboratory equipment and books to the extent of Rs. 5,417 and Rs. 1,976 have been supplied to the Government Agricultural Colleges at Nagpur and Akola respectively under the Indo-U.S. Technical Co-operation Programme. The value of this equipment is being treated as grant-in-aid to the Government of Maharashtra.

Minor Irrigation Projects in Madhya Pradesh

82. Shri Pangarkar: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India have received any new scheme for minor irrigation projects from the Government of Madhya Pradesh for the year 1960-61; and

(b) if so, the amount sanctioned for the purpose?

The Deputy Minister of Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Clubs on Central Railways

83. Shri Pangarkar: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of amateur dramatic clubs on the Central Railway;

(b) whether they are given any financial grant or facilities to promote their activities; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) 9.

(b) No.

(c) There has been no request for financial aid from these dramatic clubs.

Robberies in Trains

84. Shri Pangarkar: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of robberies committed in the passenger trains on the Central Railway during the first half of the year 1960;

(b) the estimated loss sustained thereby; and

(c) the results of the investigations held into these accidents?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) There were no robberies in passenger trains on the Central Railway during the first half of the year 1960.

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

Fats from Plants

85. Shri P. K. Deo: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Forest Research Institute, Dehra Dun has developed the process to extract Fats from lauraceae family of plants which could be used for soap manufacture;

(b) whether the indigenous manufacturers of soap use this fat; and

(c) what steps are being taken to extract fat from the above mentioned plants on a commercial scale?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) None. The difficulty is that the trees are found scattered in the forests and the fruit collection season happens to fall just before on-set of monsoon which leaves little time for effective collection of seeds.