

vision of Rs. 4.5 lakhs in place of Rs. 3.9 lakhs in the Agriculture Sector of the Schematic budget of Stage I Blocks by a corresponding reduction from the other Sectors applicable to all the Third Plan blocks. Allotment of blocks to the States is made twice a year in April and October respectively. Allotment of the April, 1961 series of Stage I Blocks to Orissa has not yet been made.

(b) Does not arise.

Federation of Consumers' Cooperative Stores in Delhi

3594. **Shri Surya Prasad:** Will the Minister of Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Registrar of the Cooperative Societies, Delhi, has set up a federation of consumers' cooperative stores in Delhi during 1959;

(b) to what extent the purpose for which this federation was set up has been served;

(c) whether the federation has in any way benefited the cooperative stores in Delhi; and

(d) whether the shares have not yet been issued to the shareholders who joined the federation in September, 1960?

The Deputy Minister of Community Development and Co-operation (Shri B. S. Murthy): (a) Yes. A federation of consumers' cooperative stores was registered in Delhi by the Registrar of Cooperative Societies in September, 1959.

(b) The federation was set up mainly with the object of procuring and supplying consumer goods to member-primary stores. Since its registration in September, 1959 the federation dealt in sugar and wheat to the extent of about Rs. 2.9 lakhs and Rs. 0.36 lakhs respectively. At present it is not doing any business. It cannot, therefore, be said that it had so far served the purpose for which it was registered.

(c) The federation supplied sugar to the member stores after keeping a nominal margin. To this extent the member stores benefited.

(d) It is reported that share certificates have not yet been issued to the shareholders who joined the federation in September, 1960.

Rural Water Supply in Punjab

3595. **Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:**
Shri D. C. Sharma:

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) what aid has been given by the Central Government to the Punjab Government for rural water supply in 1960-61;

(b) the aid utilised during the period and the schemes on which it has been utilised; and

(c) the allocation for 1961-62?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): (a) A lump sum grant of Rs. 34.54 lakhs has been given by the Central Government to the Government of Punjab during 1960-61 for various Centrally Aided Schemes which includes aid for rural water supply schemes approved under the National Water Supply and Sanitation Programme (Rural).

(b) The State Government has reported that a sum of Rs. 30 lakhs has been utilised on rural water supply schemes under the National Water Supply and Sanitation Programme (Rural). A list of the Schemes received from the State Government is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 85.]

(c) The allocation for 1961-62 has not been decided so far.

Flag Station at Dhakauli

3596. **Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state what decision has been taken on the proposal to have a flag station at Dhakauli between Chandigarh and Ghaggar Railway Stations on the