

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

Ambala-Kalka line on the Northern Railway, in view of the seasonal floods in the Ghaggar, when villagers living on the opposite bank cannot go to Ghaggar Railway Station?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): The proposal has been examined and not accepted for want of adequate justification.

It is reported that a road bridge has recently been provided over Ghaggar River in the area and there would now be no difficulty for the travelling public in reaching Ghaggar Railway station.

#### Private Bus Services in Orissa

3597. Shri Kumbhar: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the private operators are not encouraged in Orissa State to ply service buses on the all and fair weather roads to overcome the inadequacy of services and to check the over-crowding in the State Transport of Orissa State;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the number of private and individual buses plying at present zone-wise in Orissa State?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) 245 private buses are plying on different routes in the districts indicated below:—

1. Cuttack	104
2. Puri	21
3. Balasore	46
4. Sambalpur	11
5. Ganjam	9
6. Koraput	6
7. Sundergarh	7
8. Mayurbhanj	27
9. Dhenkanal	4

10. Phulbani	2
11. Kalahandi	—
12. Koeonjhar	8
13. Bolangir	—
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TOTAL	245
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#### Grants for Soil Conservation

3598. Shri Sanganna: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India are aware that the rates of payment out of the grants made for soil conservation in the tribal areas, to the labourers working on the lands vary from State to State as in the case of Orissa and Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what is the policy adopted in the matter of utilization of these grants by the State Governments?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) and (b). The implementation of Soil Conservation measures and schemes is the responsibility of the State Government. The Central Government only finances approved schemes. It is inevitable that in the course of implementation conditions and details vary from State to State.

#### Asian Highway Project

3599. Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has been made by the thirteen member-States of ECAFE to implement the Asian Highway project; and to mobilise financial and technical resources for the completion of the task; and

(b) whether there is unanimity among the member-States on the subject?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). The routes selected for the Asian Highway system generally follow the