

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) Demand and allotment of iron and steel to U.P. for agricultural purposes during 1960-61 were 65,963 and 50,498 tonnes respectively.

(b) The State Governments distribute the Agricultural quota allotted to them to the Registered Stockists who place indents on the Iron and Steel Controller, Calcutta. He then plans those indents on the producers for compliance. Supplies are effected according to the priority accorded to the different types of consumers. With a view to expedite supplies, the Iron and Steel required for agricultural purposes except Galvanised Corrugated Sheets has been accorded 'CORE PRIORITY'.

Seed Farms

159. Shri Pangarkar: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the total amount given to Maharashtra Government for setting up seed farms during the year 1960-61?

The Deputy Minister of Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa): Under the revised procedure introduced in 1958-59, Central assistance admissible to each group of agricultural schemes, and not to individual scheme, is indicated to State Governments and sanctions are also issued at the end of the year group-wise, on the basis of the total expenditure incurred under each group. As such information about the amount given to Maharashtra Government for setting up seed farms during the year 1960-61 is not available.

Levelling of Land

160. Shri Pangarkar: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the financial assistance given to Madhya Pradesh by the Central Government for levelling operations of land for agricultural purposes during the year 1960-61?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): No scheme for levelling operations as such is included in the State's developmental programme for 1960-61. Funds for agricultural development schemes are made available in a lump-sum and the amounts utilised by the State Government for levelling operations, if any, in individual schemes, are not reported to the Government of India.

Robberies on Southern Railway

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

(a) the number of robberies committed on the Southern Railway during the first half of the year 1961; and

(b) the number of them in which the culprits have been discovered?

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

(b) Does not arise.

Reservation Clerks on W. Railway

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

(a) the number of reservation clerks on Western Railway, grade-wise and Station-wise; and

(b) the number of passenger guides working on Western Railway?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a). The number is given below:

Station	Designation	No. of Posts	Scale (Auth.)
			Rs.
Bhavnagar	Reservation Clerk	1	110-200
Bombay (Churchgate)	Chief Reservation Inspector	1	370-475
Do.	Dy. Chief Reservation Inspector	1	205-280
Do.	Reservation Clerks	16	150-240

(b)—16.