

the disposal of the Administration pending completion of liquidation proceedings is Rs. 50,000. Of this Rs. 16,000 has been given to the Primary Co-operative Marketing Society, Churachandpur. Proposals for utilization of the balance are under consideration.

Removal of Water Hyacinth From Loktak Lake

2280. **Shri L. Achaw Singh:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rs. ten lakhs have been sanctioned for the removal of Water Hyacinth from the Loktak Lake;

(b) if so, how the money is being utilised; and

(c) whether the money is being allotted for removal of water hyacinth from other areas in the valley?

The Deputy Minister of Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa): (a) to (c). The Planning Commission have agreed to an allocation of Rs. 13.76 lakhs for a Weed Eradication and Control Programme. A pilot project for the removal of Water Hyacinth from Loktak Lake has been proposed for inclusion in the programme. Details are now being worked out.

Food Production

228. { **Shri Bahadur Singh:**
Shri Nek Ram Negi:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Dr. Hans Jenny—Soil Scientist of California University—who undertook an extensive study of the fertility of Indian soil recently, assessed that the food production in many areas of the country can be made double and even triple by applying enormous amounts of chemical fertilizers to the soil;

(b) the other main recommendations made by him to step up food production; and

(c) any steps taken to establish plant nutrients as recommended by Dr. Hans Jenny?

The Deputy Minister of Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa): (a) Dr. Hans Jenny's recommendations suggest that by using large amounts of chemical fertilizers especially synthetic nitrogen compounds, supported with phosphate and other nutrients, the agricultural production of the country can be considerably raised.

(b) None. Dr. Hans Jenny's visit was chiefly to study carbon-nitrogen relationship in Indian Soils in relation to environment.

(c) The setting up of fertilizer factories so as to produce large amounts of synthetic plant nutrients, has been assigned high priority and importance in India's National Development Plan. The Third Five Year Plan provides for a very substantial increase in the intake of fertilizers.

Train Collision at Andal Station

2282. **Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether a hopper special ran into the rear of an Andal bound coal train, waiting for signals at a level crossing near Andal station on or about the 27th April, 1961;

(b) if so, what was the cause of the accident; and

(c) the casualties involved in the accident?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) and (b). At about 20.10 hours on 26.4.61 (and not on 27.4.61) while Down Pandeveswar Pilot was standing at the signal of Hariashpur Level Crossing Cabin between Ukhra and Andal stations on Andal-Sainthia section of the Eastern Railway, Down Hopper Special entered into the Block Section from the rear and collided with the Pilot train.

(c) Killed 3
Injured 7