

(b) if so, the site selected for the purpose?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) and (b). It has been decided to have a diesel locomotive manufacturing factory in the Public Sector. A formal decision about the place of its location has not yet been taken.

New Sugar Factories

2339 { **Shri Raghunath Singh:**
Shri G. K. Jedhe:
Shri Pangarkar:

Will the Minister of **Food and Agriculture** be pleased to state whether the Government of India have decided not to issue any more licences to open new sugar factories?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): Yes, Sir. In view of surplus production of sugar in the country, it has been decided not to license any further capacity in the sugar industry for the present.

Rural Co-operatives and Marketing Co-operatives

2340. **Shri Tangamani:** Will the Minister of **Community Development and Co-operation** be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1894 on 17th March, 1961 and state:

(a) whether all the Rural Co-operatives and Marketing Co-operatives planned for Second Five Year Plan have been completed;

(b) if so, report of the experience;

(c) whether information is available regarding co-operative banks and co-operative central banks;

(d) how are these central banks working; and

(e) whether there is one bank in each District as in Madras State?

The Deputy Minister of Community Development and Co-operation (Shri B. S. Murthy): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) These co-operatives are in different stages of development and most of them have worked for one or two years only. It is therefore too early to report on their experience.

(c) and (d). Yes. Information regarding working and the progress of activities of these banks is available in the biennial "Review of the Co-operative Movement in India" and the annual "Statistical Statements relating to the Co-operative Movement in India" published by the Reserve Bank of India. The latest published review is for the period 1956-58 (ending June, 1958) and "Statistical Statements" for the period 1959-60 (ending June, 1960).

(e) It is generally recognised that a central co-operative bank should ordinarily cover a district. There are, however, some exceptions. At present there are 400 central co-operative banks in the country.

Consumption of Milk

2341. **Shri Tangamani:** Will the Minister of **Health** be pleased to state:

(a) whether any estimate has been made of per capita consumption of milk at present; and

(b) how does it compare with Asiatic and European countries?

The Minister of Health (Shri Karmarkar): (a) The average consumption of milk and its products in India, as revealed by surveys carried out during 1955 to 1958, is 2.81 oz. per head per day.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha in due course

Rural Electrification

2342. **Shri Tangamani:** Will the Minister of **Irrigation and Power** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are granting loans for rural electrification on the basis of recommendations of the Study Group on Rural Electrification;