

Government of India with a proposal for abolition of the Central Fertilizer Pool and for allowing free competition in the sale of the fertilizers in India;

(b) if so, the full details of the proposal; and

(c) the Government's reaction thereto?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) to (c). In the Sixth Annual General meeting of the Association, held on 16th September, '61, the President of the Association observed in his speech that as production is stepped up and begins to outpace demand within the next few years the Central Fertilizer Pool, as it exists today, will become superfluous and in fact functionless. The Minister of Commerce and Industry replied that at this stage it is not considered advisable to change the present system of distribution. No formal communication from the Association has, however, been submitted to the Govt. of India.

Ravi-Beas Link Project

490. { Shri Ram Krishan Gupta:
Shri Hem Raj:

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 742 on the 11th August, 1961 and state:

(a) whether Government have investigated the proposal of Ravi-Beas link; and

(b) if so, the result thereof?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) Madhopur-Beas link has already been completed and is working. Preliminary investigations were carried out by the Government of Punjab in regard to a scheme for linking river Ravi with Beas but this having proved unproductive and uneconomical was given up.

(b) Does not arise.

Arid Zone of Rajasthan

491. Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 571 on the 17th August, 1961 and state the result of exploration for assessment of underground water in the Arid Zone of Rajasthan?

The Deputy Minister of Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa): It is not possible to indicate the result just yet, because exploration is still in progress in Jaisalmer area. The result will be known in about 12 months.

स्वामी दयानन्द सरस्वती की स्मृति में डाक-टिकट

४९२. श्री भक्त दर्शन : क्या परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्री २४ अगस्त, १९६१ के तारांकित प्रश्न-संख्या ६०१ के उत्तर के संबंध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या स्वामी दयानन्द सरस्वती व अन्य समाज-सुधारकों की स्मृति में डाक-टिकट प्रकाशित करने के बारे में इस बीच निश्चय कर लिया गया है—

(ख) यदि हां, तो किन-किन समाज-सुधारकों को उस सूची में सम्मिलित किया गया है और उनके फोटो वाले डाक-टिकट कब तक प्रकाशित किये जायेंगे ; और

(ग) यदि उपरोक्त भाग (क) का उत्तर नकारात्मक हो, तो कब तक निश्चय हो जाने की आशा की जाती है ?

परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य-मंत्री (श्री राज बहादुर) : (क) से (ग) ऐसी आशा है कि स्वामी दयानन्द सरस्वती का स्मारक टिकट समाज-सुधारक भाला की प्रथम किस्त के रूप में १९६२ में जारी किया जाएगा। अन्य समाज-सुधारकों के स्मारक टिकटों के सम्बन्ध में दूसरे संबंधित मंत्रालयों से परामर्श करके सूची को अन्तिम रूप दिया जा रहा है और इस पर शीघ्र ही निर्णय लिया जाएगा।