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Plan Publicity in Punjab

430. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state the amount spent for Plan publicity in Punjab State during 1962-63?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (Shri Sham Nath): Plan Publicity in the States is mainly the function of the State Government concerned. During 1962-63, the amount spent by the Punjab Government on Plan publicity up to the end of January was Rs. 4,57,843.

This Ministry is also responsible for giving general publicity to the Plan through its various Media Units. As the expenditure is not booked State-wise, it is not possible to furnish figures of expenditure incurred in the Punjab under this Programme. the State Government.

Yield of Paddy Crop in Kerala

**431. { Shri A. K. Gopalan:
Shri P. Kunhan:**

Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether a scheme to increase the yield of paddy crop in Kuttanad (Kerala) by 50 percent has been submitted to the Planning Commission;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the estimated cost of the scheme; and

(d) whether the Planning Commission has approved the scheme?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Labour and Employment and for Planning (Shri C. R. Pattabhi Raman): (a) to (d). Shri John Jacob, a member of the reconstituted Panel on Agriculture, submitted a scheme for the construction of permanent granite bunds for the punja fields of

Kuttanad area in Kerala, for the consideration of the Panel on Agriculture at its meeting held on the 2nd and 3rd February, 1963. The objective of the scheme which was estimated to cost Rs. 600 lakhs, was to convert the ring bunds already in existence into permanent bunds by building it with granite stones and cement mortar.

In view of the local nature of the scheme, Shri Jacob did not press for its inclusion in the agenda items for the Panel on Agriculture. The scheme has been sent to the Ministry of Food and Agriculture for examination and necessary action in consultation with the State Government.

जबलपुर की गन करेज फैक्टरी में
अग्निकांड

४३२. { श्री भक्त बर्शन :
श्री भागवत झा आजाद :

क्या प्रतिरक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि जबलपुर की गन करेज फैक्टरी की एस्टेट में हाल ही में एक अग्निकाण्ड हो गया था ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उस अग्निकाण्ड के कारण व उससे हुई हानि और उसके क्षमन के लिये किये गये प्रयत्नों पर प्रकाश डालने वाला एक विवरण सभा-पटल पर रखा जायेगा ; और

(ग) उस अग्निकाण्ड के लिये जिम्मेदार अधिकारियों के विरुद्ध क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

प्रतिरक्षा मंत्रालय में उत्पादन मंत्री (श्री रघुरामैया) : (क) से (ग) गन करेज फैक्टरी जबलपुर की सम्पदा में, अस्थायी इमारत संख्या टी/१५ में स्थित, ब्लाक की दुकानों के, एक कक्ष में चल रहे होटेल में ७ फरवरी, १९६३ को लगभग ५-४५ पर आग लग गई। इस में पहले कि उस पर काबू पाया