

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Sugarcane development schemes of States are included under the head "Agricultural Production" for which Central assistance of Rs. 91.17 lakhs (Loans—4.98 lakhs and Grants—Rs. 86.19 lakhs) was sanctioned to the State Government of Rajasthan during 1966-67.

(c) According to All-India second estimate of sugarcane 1966-67, the total area under sugarcane in Rajasthan during 1966-67 was placed at 48.1 thousand hectares. The final figure of the area will be available in June-July 1967.

(d) The production of sugarcane (in terms of gur) is expected to be slightly more than 73,000 tons.

Youth Hostels in Rajasthan and Orissa

938. Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:
Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:
Shri Heerji Bhai:
Shri K. Pradhani:

Will the Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation be pleased to state:

(a) the amount actually allotted to Rajasthan and Orissa States for the construction of Youth Hostels during 1966-67;

(b) the places where such hostels have been constructed during the above period; and

(c) the amount proposed to be given to these States during 1967-68 for the purpose?

The Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation (Dr. Karan Singh): (a) The Central Government did not give any subsidy to the Government of Rajasthan for construction of Youth Hostels during 1966-67.

(b) No subsidies were given for construction of Youth Hostels at any other place during the same period.

(c) The subject Youth Hostels has been transferred to the Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation only recently, and therefore no provision has been made for this item in the current year's budget of the Department of Tourism. The programme for construction of Youth Hostels and the pattern of financing their construction are under active consideration.

Dantwala Committee's Report

939. Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:
Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:
Shri K. Pradhani:
Shri Heerji Bhai:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 476 on the 4th April, 1967 and state:

(a) whether any fresh decision has since been taken on the recommendations made by the Dantwala Committee; and

(b) if so, the nature thereof?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Graving dock Project at Visakhapatnam

940. Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:
Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:
Shri Heerji Bhai:
Shri K. Pradhani:

Will the Minister of Transport and Shipping be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 479 on the 4th April, 1967 and state:

(a) whether the report from the Japanese consultants on the Graving Dock Project at Visakhapatnam has since been examined by Government; and

(b) if so, the results thereof?