

(b) if so, whether the persons have been arrested?

**The Deputy Minister in the Department of Posts & Telegraphs (Shri Bhagavati):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No Sir, not yet. The case is under enquiry by the Police and departmental authorities.

#### **Sugar Mills in Madhya Pradesh**

**2055. Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether any sugar mills are proposed to be set up in Madhya Pradesh on a cooperative basis during the Third Plan period;

(b) if so, the locations selected; and

(c) the quantum of aid offered by Government in this regard?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas):** (a) and (b). 8 applications have been received for the establishment of cooperative sugar factories in Madhya Pradesh in Morena, Indore, Hoshangabad, Tikamgarh, Jabalpur, Shivpuri, Betul and Chhindwara Districts. These are under examination.

(c) Government gives a matching amount as share capital upto Rs. 25 lakhs, according to collection by members.

#### **Targets of Cooperative Sector**

**2056. Shrimati Ramdulari Sinha:** Will the Minister of Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the targets of cooperative sector of Third Plan have been fixed without prior consultation with the Apex cooperative institutions of each State; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the good offices of cooperative institutions of many States are not being utilised

in preparing annual break-ups of the plan and executing them?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Shyam Dhar Misra):** (a) and (b). In the Working Group on Co-operation set up by the Central Government which formulated programmes for the Third Plan, there were seven non-official Co-operators representing National and Apex Co-operative organisations. Instructions were also issued to the State Governments to devise suitable machinery for constant inter-change of views with non-official Co-operators so as to enlist the full support of the people and their leaders in drawing up as well as in carrying out Plans of Co-operative Development. The State Governments of Madras, Punjab, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal have consulted their Apex Co-operative Institutions in drawing up their Co-operative Plans and have also been using the good offices of these institutions in preparing annual break-ups of the plan and in executing them. Replies from other States are awaited.

#### **Fire Fighting Services at Airports**

**2057. Shri Brij Raj Singh-Kotah:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take steps to see that the inadequacy of equipment and lack of training in personnel in the fire-fighting service at all major airports in India, is speeded to the optimum level; and

(b) the number of major airports which so far lack any such fire-fighting facilities?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport (Shri Mohiuddin):** (a) and (b). Fire fighting facilities are available at all the major airports. Action for improving them further in respect of equipment and trained personnel is under active consideration.