

(f) Intensive cultivation programmes for rice, millets and pulses have been introduced in selected districts. For this purpose extension machinery has been strengthened. To guide and supervise the implementation of the programme in States, a Director General, Intensive Cultivation Areas has been appointed at the Centre.

(2) Administrative arrangements for coordination of agricultural programmes have been and are being strengthened at various levels.

(3) The important problems relating to food production are reviewed periodically by the Agricultural Production Board set up at the Centre and suitable suggestions are made to States.

(4) Village Level Workers have been assigned only one set of task namely, to organize agricultural extension and supplies and help village panchayats and cooperatives to draw up and implement village production plans in agriculture.

(5) The Community Development budget has been reorientated so as to cater to the needs of agriculture to the maximum possible extent.

(6) Joint Central Teams on Agricultural production drawn from the Planning Commission and the Ministries of Food and Agriculture, C.D. & Coop. and Irrigation and Power are visiting at present different States.

(b) Under the revised procedure introduced from 1958-59 the Central financial assistance for the State Plan Schemes is released to the States under the main Heads of Development and not for individual schemes or group of schemes. Accordingly, there is no allocation separately in respect of Grow More Food Schemes. Assistance for such schemes is covered under the broad sub-head "Agricultural Production". For agricultural production schemes including minor irrigation a provision of Rs. 15.57 crores has been made in the current year's budget for giving grants to State Plan Schemes.

Railway Line between Jawanwala Shah to Guler

261. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 995 on the 27th August, 1963 and state:

(a) whether the project report and estimate for laying an alternative railway line between Jawanwala Shah and Guler Stations on the Pathankot-Joginder Nagar section of the Northern Railway have been finalised for the implementation of the Pong Dam; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Deputy-Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) Not yet. The Project report and the Estimate, prepared by the Railway, are under examination.

(b) According to the Project Report and estimate, the proposed realignment will be about 20.32 miles long and is estimated to cost Rs. 5.09 crores.

Sugar Factories in Mysore State

262. { Shri Sivamurthi Swamy:
Shri Yamuna Prasad Mandal:
Shri Sadhu Ram:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications for starting co-operative sugar factories received by Mysore State in Tungabhadra Project area; and

(b) how much area covered by the Tungabhadra Project is reserved for sugarcane?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) Only one, Sir.

(b) The required information is not readily available.