

स्वास्थ्य तथा कृषि मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री दा० रा० चह्माण) : (क) जी हां।

(ख) औद्योगिक वित्त निगम के पास सीमित रुपया धन (Rupee finance) उपलब्ध होने के कारण इस समय केवल 10 नये चीनी कारखानों को लाइसेंस दिये जा रहे हैं जिसमें से एक उत्तर प्रदेश में होगा। जब और कारखानों को लाइसेंस देने का निर्णय किया जाएगा तभी रसड़ा सहकारी समिति को लाइसेंस देने के मामले पर विचार किया जा सकता है।

Delhi Milk Scheme

575. **Shri Karni Singhji**: Will the Minister of **Food and Agriculture** be pleased to state the total amount of investment made so far on the Delhi Milk Scheme?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): The total investment on the Delhi Milk Scheme upto 31-3-1965 is as given below:—

1. Plant and equipment	Rs. 211.38 lakhs
2. Buildings & Airconditioning	Rs. 91.23 lakhs
TOTAL Rs. 302.61 lakhs	

Uplift of Scheduled Castes

576. { **Shri Solanki**
Shri P. K. Deo:

Will the Minister of **Social Security** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Committee to study the question of Untouchability as also the problem of Economic Uplift, and Education of the Scheduled Castes has been appointed;

(b) if so, the places visited by the Committee so far; and

(c) when the Committee is likely to submit its report?

The Deputy Minister in the Department of Social Security (Shrimati Chandrasekhar): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Committee has so far toured in the State of Maharashtra and the

Union Territory of Delhi and have visited the following places:—

Maharashtra

Nagpur, Morshi, Amravati, Wardah, Nasik, Aurangabad, Osmanabad, Sholapur, Poona, Thana and Bombay.

Delhi

Alipur Block, Lampur village, Puth Khurd village, Khera Ghari village, Kingsway Camp, some welfare centres in New Delhi, Mehrauli Block and Najafgarh Block.

(c) within a period of six months.

I.A.C. Services

577. { **Shri Raghunath Singh**:
Shri P. C. Borooah:

Will the Minister of **Civil Aviation** be pleased to state the percentage of the late arrival and departures of the Indian airlines services on different routes in India during the last three months?

The Minister of Transport (Shri Raj Bahadur): The percentage of late departures (exceeding 30 minutes) of the Indian Airlines Corporation services during the months of May and June, 1965 is 8.5 and 12.7 respectively. Figures relating to delays during the month of July, 1965 are not readily available.

Records are not maintained by Indian Airlines Corporation in respect of late arrivals of aircraft.

Agricultural Production in U.P.

578. { **Shri S. N. Chaturvedi**:
Shri Kanakasabai:

Will the Minister of **Food and Agriculture** be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 104 on the 17th November, 1964 and state the action taken on the recommendations made by the Joint Central Team on Agricultural Programmes which toured U.P. in May, 1964?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): A note, indicating the main recommendations of the

Joint Central Team on the Agricultural Production Programme of the U.P. State during 1964-65 and action taken thereon, is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-5606/65].

Use of Wood and Wastes as Manure

879. { Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:

Will the Minister of **Food and Agriculture** be pleased to state whether Government have any proposal to bring about gradual reduction in the consumption of wood and wastes being used as fuel instead of as manure so as to augment the production of foodgrains by about 9 million tonnes?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): Wood is not used as a manure. It is presumed that the term 'Wastes' is used to cover cow-dung and other farm and household wastes.

The Government have taken the steps mentioned below to counter-act the practice of burning cow-dung and farm wastes and to ensure their use as manure to the maximum extent possible.

- (i) A scheme for larger and better utilisation of local manurial resources (cow-dung, cattle-shed and farm-yard wastes, house-hold wastes, forest leaves and other vegetatives wastes, etc.) for compost production has been included by the State Governments/Union Territories in their State Plans. It is expected that about 128 million tonnes of compost will be produced during 1965-66 which will yield an additional production of 3.2 million tonnes of foodgrains.
- (ii) Installation of cow-dung gas plants which serve both the fuel and manurial needs of the farmer are being popularised.

(iii) Schemes for raising of quick-growing tree plantations and developing forests on common lands, waste lands and field boundaries in the villages are being promoted.

(iv) The State Governments have been advised to encourage increased use of soft coke as fuel by pursuing liberal policy regarding setting up of soft coke depots and dumps.

According to a study of the National Council of Applied Economic Research, the total wet cow-dung produced in the country is estimated at 1,335 million tonnes which is equivalent to 267 million tonnes of dry dung. The Council has estimated that 52.2 million tonnes (about 20 per cent of the total out-turn) of the dry dung is consumed as fuel.

Control of Rodents

580. { Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri Raghunath Singh:
Shri D. J. Naik:
Shri P. R. Patel:
Shri Narendra Singh Mahida:

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

- (a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the suggestion made by the Chairman of the Food Corporation of India at the Seminar on the post-harvest handling of grains held at Bangalore to introduce legislation to control rodents in the country;
- (b) the main recommendations made at the Seminar;
- (c) the action taken thereon; and
- (d) whether Government propose to hold a seminar on sowing problems faced by the farmers like the shortage of natural and chemical fertilisers and seeds?