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Special Trains for carrying Fertilizers to U.P.

1570. Shri Himatsingka: Shri Rameshwar Tantia:

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

(a) whether the Government of Uttar Pradesh have sent a team of officials to urge upon the Centre to arrange immediately 50 special trains for carrying 50,000 tons of fertilizers to relieve the grave shortage of fertilizers in the State; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) The State Government officials visited Delhi to chalk out a programme of movement of fertilisers from ports and factories by special trains with a view to expediting despatches against the allotments made in favour of the State Government.

(b) Arrangements have been made to move 46.000 MT by 55 special trains from ports/factories to various selected centres in Uttar Pradesh in accordance with the despatch programme chalked out by the State Government.

Recognition of Hotels and Restaurants

1571, Shri J. N. Hazarika: Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for delay in appointing a Committee for reviewing and revising the applications which were submitted to the Hotel Classification Committee set up on the 6th June, 1962;

(b) the number of applications pending for review with a view to give recognition to hotels and restaurants;

(c) whether Government have received representations urging upon them to review the applications which were earlier not considered favourably by the Hotel Classification Committee; and

(d) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

The Minister of Transport (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) In view of the need for economy it has not been possible to set up the Committee so far. However the question is being actively considered.

(b) The applications of 55 hotels and 18 restaurants for recognition are pending.

(c) 54 hotels which were classified by the Hotel Classification Committee have expressed dissatisfaction with the star category allotted to them and have sent representations for a review of their classification.

(d) The applications of hotels and restaurants for recognition or reclassification would be considered by the Committee of Review when it is set up.

Tube-wells in Orissa

1572. Shri Ramachandra Ulaka: Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:

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

(a) the number of exploratory tubewells sunk in Orissa till the 30th September, 1965; and

(b) the details thereof (Districtwise)?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) In the course of groundwater exploration in Orissa from 1958-59 to 30th September, 1965, the Exploratory Tubewells Organisation under the Department of Agriculture (Ministry of Food and Agriculture) drilled 33 exploratory bores of which 20 only yielded satisfactory discharge of water.