

Consumers Cooperative Stores

10. **Shrimati Renuka Barkataki:**
Shri R. S. Pandey:
Shri Rajeshwar Patel:
Shri Ravindra Varma:

Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have accepted a scheme to sell 10 per cent. of the cloth manufactured in the country through Consumers Cooperative Stores; and

(b) if so, the main features of the scheme?

The Deputy Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Co-operation (Shri Shinde): (a) There is no such scheme. Only the textile mills have agreed to supply cloth to the extent of ten per cent of the gross section of their production to consumer cooperatives and fair price shops.

(b) The question does not arise.

Payment to Sugarcane Growers

11. **Shri Vasudevan Nair:**
Shri Warrior:

Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a substantial amount is due to the sugarcane cultivators from the Pamba River Sugar Factory, Kerala State for 1958-59 and 1959-60 following the decision given by the Price Fixation Committee;

(b) if so, the steps being taken to implement the recommendations of the Price Fixation Committee; and

(c) whether the Price Fixation Committee propose to take the question of cane prices for the years 1960-61 and 1961-62?

The Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri C. Subramaniam): (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) The Pamba River Sugar Factory, have filed a writ petition in the Kerala High Court against the decision of the Sugarcane (Additional) Fixation Authority and obtained a stay order for execution of the same.

(c) The data for determination of the additional cane price for the seasons 1960-61 and 1961-62 has been collected and is under scrutiny.

Kalady as Tourist Centre

12. **Shri Vasudevan Nair:**
Shri Warrior:

Will the Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to develop Kalady, birth place of Shri Sankaracharya, as a tourist centre; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this direction?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Aviation (Shri C. N. Poonacha): (a) No.

(b) The question does not arise.

Paradeep Port

13. **Shri Maheswar Naik:**
Shri Ram Sewak Yadav:
Shri Bagri:

Will the Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism be pleased to state:

(a) whether the amount spent on the construction of Paradeep Port since it was taken over by the Centre has been charged to Orissa Government or the whole cost of construction will be re-imbursed by the Central Government;

(b) the latest stage of construction of the Paradeep Port; and

(c) the total cost of construction as it now stands and whether any revised estimate has been made?

The Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism, (Shri Sanjiva Reddy): (a) The money invested by the State Government on the development of the Project till the date of taking over has been treated as a loan to the Port Project to be repaid in due course when it is financially in a position to undertake such repayments.

(b) The first stage development of the Port has been nearly completed except for small residual works. The Port can operate as soon as the two tugs which are under construction are received.

(c) The cost of the first stage development of the Port is now estimated at Rs. 20.5 crores as against the Project Estimate amounting to Rs. 19.9 crores sanctioned by the State Government before the Project was taken over by the Centre.

Wonder Rice Seed

14. **Shri Maheswar Naik:**
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri Subodh Hansda:

Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a wonder rice seed has been found out in the Central Rice Research Institute, which is likely to double the paddy yield; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to popularise the seed?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation, (Shri Shinde): (a) and (b). No wonder rice seed has been found. Presumably, the reference is to Taichung Native I, a high yielding rice variety, which has been introduced from abroad. At present this variety of seed is being multiplied on about 12,000 acres with a view to producing sufficient seed to cover about two million acres during Kharif 1966.

Ration shops in Harijan Colonies in Delhi

15. **Shri Yashpal Singh:** Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no ration shops have so far been opened in the Harijan colonies in Delhi;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken by Government to solve the difficulties of the people living in Harijan colonies?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Govinda Menon): (a) No, Sir. Ration shops exist in all localities including those where there is a concentration of Harijans.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Cost of Wood in India

16. **Shri Yashpal Singh:** Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) how far the cost of the wood is high in India as compared to the other countries;

(b) the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to bring down the prices of wood?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Shinde): (a) Comparable data on the cost of wood in other countries is not available.

(b) High cost of wood in India is due to the demand being in excess of available supplies.

(c) "Forests" is a State subject. States are making efforts to increase production of wood on sustained basis by raising plantations and by opening up and working the hitherto inaccessible forest areas.