

State Farms**3. Shri Uttiya:****Shri Madhu Limaye:**

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

(a) whether there is a scheme to start State Farms on the Russian model in India;

(b) the total area involved, State-wise;

(c) the types of agricultural production which these farms will concentrate on;

(d) the total capital outlay; and

(e) the total number of persons to be employed therein?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Shayam Dhar Misra): (a) to (e). It is proposed to set up large-sized Central Seed Farms in different parts of the country, broadly on the pattern of Suratgarh Farm in Rajasthan which was set up in collaboration with the U.S.S.R. State Governments have been asked to place at the disposal of the Centre suitable tracts of land for the purpose. The main object of these farms will be the production of improved varieties of seeds.

As the farms are not to be established all at the same time but only as and when land becomes available, and as the whole programme will be spread over the entire period of the Fourth Five Year Plan and, even, perhaps, over part of the Fifth Plan, it is not possible at this stage to say what the total area involved would be, what the total capital outlay would be or how many persons are likely to be employed on the scheme.

Aerodrome Officer, Varanasi**4. Shri Radeo Singh:****Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:****Shri Vishram Prasad:****Shri Daljit Singh:****Shri C. M. Kedaria:**

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

(a) whether the Assistant Aerodrome Officer at Babatpur (Varanasi) was beaten by some miscreants during September, 1966;

(b) whether such cases of dacoity and theft roundabout the Varanasi Airport have been on the increase during the last several years;

(c) if so, the steps taken in order to safeguard the lives and properties of the airport staff; and

(d) whether Government are considering to set up a full-fledged police post and civil hospital taking in view the importance of the airport?

The Minister of Transport, Aviation Shipping and Tourism (Shri Sanjiva Reddy): (a) The Assistant Aerodrome Officer posted at Varanasi aerodrome was found injured and unconscious in his quarter on the morning of 25th July, 1966.

(b) Some stray cases were reported during the years 1962 and 1963, but apart from the above incident, no other cases of this nature were reported during the last two years.

(c) and (d). The question of establishing a police post at or near the Varanasi aerodrome was taken up with the U.P. Government in 1963. The State Government were, however, not agreeable to this proposal. In view of the above incident, the matter is again being taken up with the State Government.

There is a small dispensary at the aerodrome which opens three days a week for two hours. In view of this, the need for establishing a civil hospital at Varanasi Aerodrome has not been felt so far by the Civil Aviation Department.