

(c) the total quantity of sugar to be exported during 1969 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) and (b). The quantum of exports to the USA in 1969 will depend on the overall quota allocated to India under the U. S. Sugar Act. For the present, the quota allocated is 66,101 tonnes but this is expected to increase by the end of the year. The sale has been made on price fixing basis linked to the spot quotations of Contract No 10 of the New York Coffee and Exchange Inc., during a specified period. The price will be known in November, 1969 after the expiry of the pricing period.

(c) The Indian Sugar Mills Association, Calcutta, has so far entered into contracts for export of 91.5 thousand tonnes of sugar in 1969.

#### Linking of Madhawapur Public Call Office to Madhubani

1956. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1561 on the 21st November, 1968 and state :

(a) whether Madhawapur Public Call Office can be linked to Madhubani via Benipatti more economically than to Sitamarhi ;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto ;

(c) whether the proposal for opening P. C. Os at Loukaha and Babece Barahi have since been further examined keeping in view their being on the Nepal border and on the side of river Kunda ; and

(d) if so, with what result ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING, AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SHER SINGH) : (a) No. It has been more economical to connect Madhawapur to Sitamarhi by utilising an existing Telegraph alignment. Connection to Madhubani involves construction of new alignment and additional expenditure.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes.

(d) The schemes have been surveyed and the financial implications of the proposals on examination show that the schemes will be unremunerative and will result in loss to the Department. However, the proposals are under further examination.

#### Study Groups of National Labour Commission

1957. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Study Groups appointed by the National Labour Commission ;

(b) the purpose for which these Study Groups were appointed ;

(c) which of these Study Groups have submitted their reports ; and

(d) whether any action has been taken on any of these reports ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT AND REHABILITATION (SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD) : (a) Thirty-eight, of which one was later disbanded.

(b) To study various matters affecting labour, such as labour legislation, the conditions of labour, and labour welfare and to offer views thereon for the consideration of the Commission.

(c) 36 Study Groups/Committees have submitted their reports.

(d) These reports have been submitted to the National Commission on Labour and not to Government. The views expressed in the reports are for the consideration of the Commission. Government are not seized of the matter now and will consider it on receipt of the recommendations of the Commission.

#### Central Sheep and Seed Farm at Hissar

1958. SHRI M. SUDARSANAM : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Government have decided to set up Central Sheep and Seed Farm at Hissar in Haryana ; and