

SHRI BASUMATARI :

Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that India is planning to export Basmati rice abroad ;

(b) if so, to which countries and in what quantities, separately and how much foreign exchange is estimated to be earned therefrom per year ; and

(c) the reasons for exporting rice in view of its dearth in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is not possible at this stage to say as to which countries and in what quantities separately basmati rice will be exported. Subject to availability, it is proposed to export about 20,000 to 30,000 metric tons of superior basmati rice during 1969. The main markets for basmati rice usually are East Africa, Kuwait, Muscat, Saudi Arabia, Singapore and U. K. It is difficult to make a precise estimate of the foreign exchange to be earned per year through these exports. But from the trend of prices obtained so far it is expected that about £ 104 to £ 114 will be earned per tonne during 1969.

(c) Apart from the foreign exchange earned by such exports, the export of superior basmati is being undertaken in order to keep in touch with markets abroad to which larger exports of rice could be planned when the country becomes surplus in rice. The quantities exported when compared to the total production and consumption in the country are quite small and very much larger quantities of coarse rice are being imported from abroad at comparatively lower prices. Consequently, the export of this quantity of superior basmati is not likely to have any significant effect on the availability of rice within the country.

Rationalisation of Tea Industry

2016. SHRI RABI RAY :
SHRI RAGHUVIR SINGH
SHASTRI :

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether his attention has been

drawn to the recommendation of the group on tea industry appointed by the National Commission on Labour that the process of rationalisation now going on should be slowed down, as it has resulted in the reduction of employment ;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that according to the statistics published by Tea Board, the total number of workers in the tea industry has gone down from 10,17,989 in 1957 to 8,18,783 in 1964 ; and

(c) the steps government propose to take to remedy the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT AND REHABILITATION (SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD) : (a) to (c). Government understand that the Study Group has submitted a report to the National Commission on Labour. Government is not seized of this matter now and will consider it on receipt of the recommendations of the Commission.

Hungarian Collaboration for Manufacture of Microwave Communications Equipments

2017. SHRI B. K. DASCHOW-DHURY : Will the Minister of INFORMATION, AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether India has sought Hungarian collaboration in the manufacture of certain industrial products i.e. microwave communications equipments ; and

(b) if so, the broad outlines of the plans finalised ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING, AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SHER SINGH) : (a) No, Sir. The Government of India have not sought Hungarian collaboration for the manufacture of microwave communications equipment.

(b) Does not arise.

Indian Army Postal Service

2018. SHRI MAYAVAN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Ex-

Havildar clerks of the Indian Army Postal Service with postal training and postal experience in the Army to their credit, though absorbed as clerks in the Indian Postal Department, without any break in service between War Service and Civil appointment, were not given the protection of the pay last drawn by them in the very same line of service, viz., the Indian Army Postal Service ; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING, AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SHER SINGH) : (a) It is a fact that Ex-Havildar clerks of Indian Army Postal Service with Postal training and Postal experience in the Army were not given the protection of pay last drawn by them although their initial pay was fixed after giving weightage to the completed years of service rendered by them in the Indian Army Postal Service in comparable grade like other war service candidates.

(b) The ex-Havildar clerks received some benefits in the shape of War gratuity and War Service gratuity at the time of release or retirement from the Military service. On their surrendering the War service gratuity, their past service was only counted for pensionary benefits.

Measures to Stem the rising Tide of Plant Pests

2019. SHRI SARJOO PANDEY :
SHRIMATI ILA
PALCHOUDHURI :

Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Dr. S. Pradhan, a Farm Scientist at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi has warned that the country is in for a catastrophe, unless immediate action is taken to stem the rising tide of plant pests in the wake of the new agricultural strategy ; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to control the rising menace of plant pest in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE,

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) Yes.

(b) The awareness of the problem and the dangers posed, as highlighted by this I. A. R. I. Scientist (Dr. S. Pradhan), is of comparatively recent origin. When conditions for the growth of the Plant improve, conditions for the spread of diseases and pests become co-incidentally better. Hence, protection research should go hand in hand with production research. Since the problem is of a country-wide nature, the approach to its study and solution should also be a broad based one. For this reason, the I. C. A. R. has formulated its All-India Co-ordinated Research Projects on Crop Improvement on a multi-disciplinary basis so that, along-with researches on breeding superior varieties and formulating superior schedules of cultural practices for maximising acre yields, attention is also given simultaneously to control of pests and diseases through the development of resistant varieties, through the evolution of superior methods for the chemical control of pests and diseases and through other lines of research e.g. biological control, research on the forecasting of disease and pest epidemic, etc.

राजस्थान में एक डाकिये के घर से पत्रों का बरामद होना

2021. श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय :

डा० कर्ण सिंह :

क्या सूचना तथा प्रसारण और संचार मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि जनवरी 1969 में जयपुर (राजस्थान) में एक ग्रस्थायी डाकिये के घर से वितरित न किये गये लगभग 4000 पत्र बरामद हुए थे ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसके विरुद्ध सरकार ने क्या कार्यवाही की है ?

सूचना तथा प्रसारण मन्त्रालय और संचार विभाग में राज्य मन्त्री (श्री कौर सिंह) : (क) जी हां। वितरित न की गई बरामद हुई वस्तुओं की संख्या केवल 2013 थी।