

(b) A sum of Rs. 79.15 crores was spent during Third Plan period on Soil Conservation Schemes. The main Schemes taken up during the Third Plan period are as follows:

I. Central Schemes:

- (a) All India Soil and Land Use Survey Scheme.
- (b) Soil Conservation Research Demonstration and Training Centres.
- (c) Central Arid Zone Research Institute.

II. Centrally sponsored Schemes:

- (a) Soil Conservation in catchments of River Valley Projects.
- (b) Survey of Ravine lands.
- (c) Pilot Projects on Saline, Alkaline and water-logged lands.
- (d) Dry Farming Demonstration Project.
- (e) Subsidy to States for training of Soil Conservation personnel.

III. State Schemes:

1. Contour bunding and graded bunding in Agricultural lands and other areas.
2. Dry Farming in banded and other areas.
3. Soil Conservation in Watersheds of River Valley projects.
4. Soil Conservation in catchment of Flood Control Schemes.
5. Soil Conservation in Hilly areas.
6. Soil Conservation in Desert areas.
7. Soil Conservation in Ravines.

8. Soil Conservation in Waste lands.
9. Soil Conservation in Denuded Forests.
10. Reclamation of Saline and Alkaline Soils including reclamation of Coastal Saline lands.
11. Percolation tanks for Soil Conservation.
12. Soil and Land Use Survey.
13. Research, Demonstration and Training.

State Farms

**2531. Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
Shri H. C. Linga Reddy:**

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

- (a) the number of State farms that are functioning at present along with the names of places where they are situated;
- (b) the amount spent on them with the results thereof; and
- (c) the future programme of State farms in the country?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Shyam Dhar Misra): (a) There are at present two Central State Farms which are located at Suratgarh and Jetsar in Rajasthan.

(b) The total expenditure incurred on the Central Mechanised Farms, Suratgarh during the period 1956-57 to 1965-66 is Rs. 4,36,27,273. The Farm at Jetsar started operations in 1964-65 only and the expenditure incurred upto 1965-66 was Rs. 73,67,231. Besides expenditure on actual forming operations, these figures include the expenditure incurred on preliminary development work like reclamation and levelling of land, construction of water courses for irrigation, development of communications.

construction of buildings, raising of orchard and wind-breaks, etc.

The yields of different crops obtained at the Suratgarh and Jetsar Farms are 8,47,447 and 7,277 quintals respectively. Besides raising various crops, pilot projects relating to animal husbandry dairying and poultry have also been taken up.

(c) It is proposed to set up 15 more Central Seed Farms in different States where suitable blocks of land are available to undertake production of improved varieties of seeds.

Night Landing Facilities at Trivandrum Airport

2532. **Shri Madhu Limaye:** Will the Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism be pleased to state:

(a) whether delayed plane flights are sometimes turned away from Trivandrum and deflected to Cochin as a result of non-provision of obstruction lights at Trivandrum Airport;

(b) whether this involves any financial loss to the I.A.C.; and

(c) if so, the reasons for not installing obstruction lights at Trivandrum airport at an early date?

The Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism (Shri Sanjiva Reddy): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) Lights have already been installed on some of these obstructions. An estimate for providing obstruction lights on the remaining ones has been sanctioned and installation work is expected to commence shortly.

Foreign Exchange Earnings from Tourism

2533. **Dr. M. M. Das:**
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri Subodh Hansda:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the foreign exchange earnings from

tourism have diminished during the last two years and the expenditure upon tourism has proportionately increased; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism (Shri Sanjiva Reddy): (a) The foreign exchange earnings from tourism during the calendar year 1964 were more than those in 1963. However, during 1965, there was some decrease in earnings as compared to 1964. So far as expenditure on tourism is concerned, there has been an increase during the last two years.

(b) Because of uncertain conditions in the country created by the Indo-Pakistan conflict, there was a decline of 5.6 per cent in tourist arrivals in 1965, as compared to the previous year. This decrease in tourist arrivals resulted in short-fall in foreign exchange earnings during that year. The increase in expenditure is mainly due to some new items of activities taken up during these years, opening of new offices abroad and creation of new posts to deal with the expanded activities of the Department.

Deep Sea Fishing

2534. **Dr M. M. Das:**
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri Subodh Hansda:

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

(a) whether the Government of U.S.S.R. have finalised their programme for assistance in the development of Deep Sea Fishing in the country; and

(b) if so, the nature of the assistance proposed to be given?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community