

Educational Qualifications of Mates Working in Delhi Milk Scheme

4532. SHRI RAM CHARAN : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the mates are recruited in the Delhi Milk Scheme on daily wages through Employment Exchange ;

(b) if so, whether any minimum educational qualification has been prescribed for these mates ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that after some time these daily paid mates are made regular and they are paid monthly; and

(d) whether any enquiry in respect of the educational qualifications or political antecedents are made before a daily paid mate is declared regular?

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

(b) Yes, Sir. The minimum educational qualification of Middle School Standard pass is prescribed in the Recruitment Rules for the post, which are now under revision.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Educational qualifications are verified at the time of initial appointment, on daily wages. Character and antecedent are verified when the daily paid Mates are brought on to the regular establishment, in accordance with the existing orders on the subject.

Recovery of Sugar from Sugarcane

4533. SHRI BEDABRATA BARUA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is fact that the recovery of sugar from sugarcane varies from State to State ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the recovery is much less in states of North India ;

(c) whether any steps have been taken to increase the recovery ; and

(d) if so, the success achieved ?

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

(b) A statement showing the average recovery of sugar from sugarcane obtained by factories in various States during the years 1960-61 to 1968-69 is laid on the Table of the House. [*Placed in library. See No. LT-242/69*]. The recovery of sugar is generally low in all States except in Maharashtra, Gujarat and Mysore.

(c) More emphasis is now being laid on the evolution of better varieties of sugarcane. The State Governments and factories have been advised to maintain nurseries with initially heat-treated seed-cane material for ensuring supply of clean healthy seed and minimising danger from pests and diseases. They have also been advised to plan harvesting of cane crop on the basis of maturity of cane. A system of fixation of minimum price of sugarcane on the basis of average recovery obtained by sugar factories has also been introduced since 1962-63 season.

(d) There has been a trend towards improvement on recovery where the recommended practices are adopted.

Survey of Image of all India Radio by Indian Institute of Public Opinion

4534. SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR SHAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the findings of a survey of the image of the All India Radio conducted by the Indian institute of Public opinion (IIPO) and published in the "Monthly Public opinion Surveys" of September, 1969;

(b) whether Government agree with the conclusion of the survey which says that the popular image of All India Radio as a mass media for dissemination of news has deteriorated significantly ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Government are not in a position to assess the accuracy of the survey.

Creation of a New Telegraph Division in Assam

4535. SHRI BEDABRATA BARUA Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal to create a new Telegraph Division in Assam ;

(b) whether the proposal has been accepted; and

(c) the details of the proposal ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SHER SINGH) : (a) Yes.

(b) No. The matter is still under consideration.

(c) The proposal is to re-organise the existing Gauhati and Dibrugarh Engineering divisions and from three divisions The Gauhati (East) division and Gauhati (West) division with headquarters at Gauhati and Dibrugarh Division with headquarters at Dibrugarh.

Bifurcation of Central Assam Division of P & T Department

4536. SHRI BEDABRATA BARUA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have been considering the bifurcation of the Central Assam Division of the Postal Department;

(b) whether a decision has been taken in the matter; and

(c) if so, when the new division will begin to function?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SHER SINGH): (a) The proposal has been received from the P.M.G. and is under consideration.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.