

Sugar Cane Price

Shri Ram Ratan Gupta:

Shri B. K. Mishra:

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Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:

Shri A. N. Vidyalkar:

Shri Umanath:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether U.P. and Bihar Governments have sent recommendations for maintaining the present sugar cane price; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It has been decided to maintain the existing minimum prices of Rs. 1.62 per maund of cane for the year 1962-63 but to link it with a recovery of 9.8 per cent.

Food Poisoning Cases at Sutophukuri, Assam

Shri Swell:

Shri Hem Barua:

Shri P. K. Deo:

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Shri Basumatari:

Shri Mohammad Elias:

Shri Yashpal Singh:

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the students of a Catholic Hostel at Sutophukuri, Darang District, Assam were seized with paralysis soon after taking their food;

(b) if so, the number of students affected and whether they have recovered from their strokes; and

(c) whether Government have identified the cause of these strokes?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a), (b) and (c). Yes, Sir.

An Officer of the Directorate General of Health Services has been deputed to Assam for ascertaining the actual position and making a report in the matter. Requisite information will be laid on the Table of the Sabha on receipt of his report.

In the mean time orders were passed to freeze the consignment of Atta and Maida which was considered responsible for the tragedy.

Mishap to B.O.A.C. Jet Airliner at Madras Airport

*77. **Shri Raghunath Singh:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether on the 23rd July, 1962 a B.O.A.C. Comet on a charter flight for Air India from Djakarta to Kuwait met with a mishap at Madras airport; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Mohiuddin): (a) and (b). On 22nd July, 1962, a B.O.A.C. Comet aircraft, on charter to Air India, while operating a scheduled service on the route Djakarta-Singapore-Madras-Bombay, overshot the runway at Madras Airport, during the landing run. Its main wheels sank slightly into the semi-hard ground beyond the runway.

रामगंगा परियोजना

*७८. श्री प्रचल सिंह : क्या सिंचाई और विद्युत् मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि प्रथम व द्वितीय पंचवर्षीय योजनाओं में रामगंगा बांध से मथुरा-आगरा जिलों को, सिंचाई के लिये पानी संभरण करने का आयोजन किया गया था.

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस काम के पूरा होने में स्कावट भाने का क्या कारण था;

(ग) तृतीय पंचवर्षीय योजना में राम गंगा बांध से मथुरा और आगरा जिलों को सिंचाई के लिये पानी देने का क्या प्रयत्न किया जा रहा है; और

(घ) उपरोक्त कार्यों को पूरा करने में कितना समय लगेगा ?

सिंचाई तथा विद्युत् मंत्रालय में राज्य-मंत्री (श्री अलमेशन) : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(ग) तृतीय पंचवर्षीय योजना में इस परियोजना से सिंचाई करने की कोई योजना नहीं है । १९६६-७० से ही सिंचाई आरम्भ होने की संभावना है ।

(घ) रामगंगा परियोजना के १९६५-६६ में पूर्ण होने की संभावना है ।

Road Board

*79. { **Shri P. R. Chakraverti:**
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
Shri Bhakt Darshan:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Road Board to develop the roads in the country so as to eliminate the transport bottleneck;

(b) whether Government have drawn up any scheme in the matter and if so, when it is expected to materialise;

(c) whether it has been decided that the Central Government will pay the State Governments 50 per cent. of the cost of improving feeder and approach roads for coal traffic?

The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). A proposal made by the Indian Roads Congress for the constitution of a Road Board is being examined. A decision in the matter is, however,

likely to take some time as it raises certain issues of policy and involves several administrative and legal problems including consultation with various authorities.

(c) Following the recommendations of the Working Group set up by the Planning Commission to consider various matters pertaining to the production and transport of coal, a Scheme for the improvement of road communications in the Bengal-Bihar region to facilitate the transport of coal from that area has been accepted by the Planning Commission. The Scheme provides, *inter alia*, for a Central subsidy equal to 50 per cent. of the cost of feeder and approach roads included in the Scheme.

Locust Invasions

Shri P. K. Deo:
Shri Narendra Singh Mahida:
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri B. K. Das:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri Shree Narayan Das:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
*80. { **Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:**
Dr. L. M. Singhvi:
Shri Raghunath Singh:
Shri D. N. Tiwary:
Shri Inder J. Malhotra:
Shri P. R. Patel:
Shri D. J. Naik:
Shri Chhotubhai Patel:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been large scale locust invasions in the country lately;

(b) if so, which of the areas are affected and how much damage has been caused;

(c) what steps were taken to counteract this attack and with what results; and

(d) which other foreign countries participated in this anti-locust work?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr Ram Subhag Singh): (a) Yes, Sir.