

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Chief Ministers of Andhra Pradesh and Orissa are scheduled to meet Member (Natural Resources), Planning Commission, in the second week of August, 1962 to discuss the matter. It is hoped that some settlement will be arrived at in this meeting.

Food Poisoning Cases in Assam and West Bengal

- *88. { Shri Raghunath Singh:
- { Shri Indrajit Gupta:
- { Shri Hem Barua:
- { Dr. L. M. Singhvi:
- { Shri Yashpal Singh:
- { Shri S. M. Banerjee:
- { Shri P. C. Borooah:
- { Shri A. N. Vidyalankar:
- { Shri Tridib Kumar
- { Chaudhuri:

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state whether a mystery disease of paralysis is spreading rapidly in Assam and West Bengal tolling heavy loss of life due to contaminated flour with triorthocresyl phosphate?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): 450 cases of a disease crippling the patients by paralytic action of lower limbs occurred in Malda and Dinajpur Districts of West Bengal from the first week of April upto the 19th June, 1962. No further cases of the disease have been reported since then from these areas.

180 cases of paralysis are also reported to have occurred in Chhotopukhuri in Darrang District in Assam in a Catholic Mission. Further investigations in the matter are in progress.

Mechanised Farms

- *89. { Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
- { Shri Indrajit Gupta:
- { Shri P. C. Borooah:
- { Shri Bhagwat Jha Asad:
- { Shri Bhakt Darshan:
- { Shri Hem Raj:

- { Dr. L. M. Singhvi:
- { Shri P. Kunhan:
- { Shri M. K. Kumaran
- { Shri Ram Ratan Gupta.
- { Shri Daji:

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

(a) whether Government have decided to set up mechanised farms on the model of Suratgarh Farm in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, whether they have selected the sites; and

(c) whether foreign co-operation will be made available for launching the scheme?

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

(b) One site (at Jetsar) near Suratgarh has already been selected. Some other sites are under the consideration of the Committee on Large-sized Mechanized Farms.

(c) There is no proposal yet for foreign cooperation for setting up the new farms

Withdrawal of Alarm Chains from Trains

- *90. { Shri P. K. Deo:
- { Shri Narendra Singh Mahida:
- { Shri Indrajit Gupta:
- { Shri Raghunath Singh:
- { Shri Subodh Hansda:
- { Shri S. C. Samanta:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether alarm chains have been withdrawn from some trains;

(b) if so, from which of the trains; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) Yes, Sir.