

area in 1956, and also a very severe shock in the late 18th century.

Shri Joachim Alva: May I know what kind of specialists handle the facts about tremors; are they minor specialists, major specialists or first-class specialists and, have they got some experience from abroad also with regard to tremors?

Shri Mohiuddin: We have got a large number of seismological observatories spread all over the country, and we have got experts who are dealing with this phenomenon for a very long time. They are also trained abroad, and as and when necessary we also send people abroad for training.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

India Sugars and Refineries, Hospet (Mysore State)

*2080. **Shri Agadi:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large amount of capital of the India Sugars and Refineries, Hospet (Mysore State) has been invested in some other companies of the Managing Agents group of Industries;

(b) if so, the total amount of this company's capital invested in other companies in general and in companies, other than sugar industries in particular;

(c) whether due to this kind of investments the Management has not been able to make prompt payments to the Cane growers; and

(d) if so, the amount paid to cane growers after two, three and four months after supplying the cane in 1956-57 and 1957-58?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The India Sugars and Refineries Ltd., Hospet, have invested about Rs. 13.9 lakhs in their Subsidiary companies and nearly Rs. 9½ lakhs in other companies.

(c) The present financial difficulties of the concern seem to be mainly due to large expenditure incurred in 1955-56 and 1956-57 seasons in effecting expansion in production capacity from 600 to 1000 tons per day.

(d) The required information is not available, as payments are made in running accounts.

Japanese Field Manuring and Cultural Practices

*2084. **Shri L. Achaw Singh:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Japanese field manuring and cultural practices have yielded conflicting results as compared to local systems on experiment in different parts of India; and

(b) if so, whether further experiment is being continued?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) The large number of experiments conducted in cultivators' fields showed consistent responses to Japanese method over a three years period. Some variation in response was however observed between States as could be expected in view of the differences in soil climatic conditions and local cultivation practices.

(b) No.

Khandwa-Hingoli Rail Link

*2085. **Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) when the section between Takal and Amul on the Hingoli-Khandwa Rail link will be opened for traffic; and

(b) the total rail length likely to be opened on this section for traffic by the end of 1958?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) The Section Takal to Arnulla (14.68 miles) has already been opened for traffic on 15th April, 1958.