The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) The quantity of rice purchased during the period 1st April to 17th August, 1958 is about 55.5 thousand tons.

- (b) The prices of the different varieties ranged from Rs. 15.50 nP. to Rs. 20.00 per maund (bagged) inclusive of the cost of gunny.
 - (c) From Andhra Pradesh .. about 20,000 tons from August, 1957 to June 1958.

From Madras

..Nil .

(d) The prices ranged from Rs. 34·34 nP. to Rs. 36·87 nP. per bag of 2 maunds.

Agricultural Demonstration in Manipur

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that D-4 threshers and graders sent to Manipur by the T.C.M. were never shown for agricultural demonstration in the rural areas of the territory; and
 - (b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The agricultural fields in Manipur are not suitable for demonstration of the thresher or the grader. The grader is normally used for construction of roads and it was utilised for this purpose.

Ravi Canal Project

*658. Shri Ramji Verma: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ravi Canal project in Jammu province of Kashmir State has been retained in the revised Second Five Year Plan;
- (b) if so, whether any work on it has started; and
- (c) when it is likely to be completed?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (5hri Hathi): (a) to (c). The Jammu and Kashmir Government are carrying out certain investigations in regard to the Ravi Canal Project. The investigations are in progress and the final Project Report has not so far been received by the Government of India. The question of including the Project in the Second Five Year Plan will arise only after the scheme has been fully investigated and a Project Report for the same prepared and scrutinised by the Central Water and Power Commission.

Co-operative Societies in Tripura

*659. Shri Dasaratha Deb: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of co-operative societies set up in Refugee Colonies and Camps of Tripura;
- (b) the number of such societies where all posts of office bearers are held by displaced persons alone and not by any Government employee;
- (c) whether running of co-operative societies by employees of Relief and Rehabilitation Department of Tripura Administration goes against the accepted policy of the Central Government so far as management of Co-operative Societies is concerned; and
- (d) whether Government propose to hand over these Co-operative societies to the displaced persons?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) 47. Besides, there are 15 artisan co-operatives.

- (b) 15.
- (c) The officials have been associated at the formative stage of these societies. The decisions in the Managing Committees are taken on the basis of majority views.
 - (d) Yes, in due course.

Civil Hospital, Imphal

*669. Shri Narayanakutty Menon; Shri Warior:

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are no departments for specialised