

been able to pay to the cane growers a far better price than what is statutorily fixed as the minimum and what is paid by other factories in other parts of the country?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: On the whole, the prices which these co-operative factories have been able to pay to the cane growers are higher than the other factories.

Shri Jhulan Sinha: In view of the answer just given, may I know whether there is any proposal before the Government now to limit the future factories to the co-operative sector only?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: The new factories are mostly co-operative factories.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO
QUESTIONS

हिमाचल प्रदेश में चकबन्दी

*८६६. श्री पद्म देव : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) हिमाचल प्रदेश में कितने क्षेत्र में चकबन्दी की गई है ;

(ख) यह योजना कब तक पूरी हो जाने की संभावना है ; और

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि चकबन्दी योजना का कार्य जिस प्रकार किया जा रहा है उससे किसानों में बहुत असन्तोष है ?

खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री (श्री प्र० प्र० खन्): (क) श्री (ख) जुलाई, १९५८ तक लगभग ५४,६०० एकड़ । एक संशोधित (revised) योजना अभी हाल ही में बनाई गई है जिस के अनुसार १९५९-६० से ७ वर्षों के समय में ४,५७,००० एकड़ भूमि की चकबन्दी करने की आशा है ।

(ग) प्रशासन ने बताया है कि ग्राम तौर पर चकबन्दी का कार्य भरी प्रकार से किया जा रहा है ।

Gram Sahayak Camps and Lok Sahayak Sena Training Camps

*897. Shri U. C. Patnalk: Will the Minister of Community Development be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to coordinate the "Gram Sahayak" (Village leader) training camps with the Lok Sahayak Sena training camps; and

(b) if so, details thereof?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Community Development (Shri B. S. Murthy): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Traffic Survey of Buckingham Canal

*898. Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 276 of 20th August, 1958 and state:

(a) whether the report of traffic survey of the Buckingham Canal has since been received by the Government;

(b) if so, whether a copy of the same will be laid on the Table; and

(c) what is the nature of decision arrived at by the Government on the report?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Lilabari Airfield

*900. Shrimati Masida Ahmed: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that aeroplanes could not land at Lilabari

airfield in Assam from 8th to 15th October, 1958;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken in the matter?

The Deputy Minister of Civil Aviation (Shri Mohiuddin): (a) I lay on the Table of the Lok Sabha a statement giving the requisite information. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 133.]

(b) and (c). The existing strip at Lilabari aerodrome is covered with perforated steel plates and it gets water logged for short periods during rainy season. In order to ensure the operation of air services throughout the year, it has been decided to construct a pucca runway and the work is expected to be completed by the end of March, 1959.

Training in Co-operation in U.S.S.R.

***903. Shri Subbiah Ambalam:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether an offer to give free training in Co-operation to fifty Indian students was received sometime back from a non-Government agency in U.S.S.R.; and

(b) if so, what action Government has taken in regard to this offer?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) Yes, Sir. Centrosoyuz offered training facilities in the Co-operative Schools and Colleges in U.S.S.R.

(b) The offer was not accepted.

Hirakud Dam Project

***907. Shri Panigrahi:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hirakud Control Board has suggested to the Orissa Government to create some permanent posts for the Hirakud Project;

(b) if so, what are those posts; and

(c) whether the Control Board has recommended to continue the services of the present officers upto 30th September, 1959?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of the posts to be made permanent are being worked out.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Fire on S. S. 'Jagdamba'

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

(a) whether a fire broke out on the cargo ship 'S. S. Jagdamba' at Prince's Dock in Bombay on 6th November, 1958 and was put out after nearly 4 hours; and

(b) if so, what was the cause of the fire?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The exact cause of the fire is still under investigation by the Fire Brigade and the Police Authorities, Bombay.

Indo-Tibet Road

***910. Shri Hem Raj:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work of widening the Link Road from Indo-Tibet Road to Luri Bridge and widening of Luri Bridge has been started;

(b) if not, by what time it will start; and

(c) by what time the road and the bridge will be thrown open for vehicular traffic?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) to (c). The work of widening the Link Road is in progress and is expected to be completed by the end of the current