

Timber Seasoning

- *222. { Pandit Munishwar Dutt
Upadhyay:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri S. A. Mehdi:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state

(a) what steps are being taken to make arrangements for augmenting timber seasoning and preservation in the country in view of the growing importance of timber for rural housing, and

(b) whether it is a fact that 40 per cent of our timber is wasted for want of seasoning and preservation arrangements?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha [See Appendix I, annexure No 64]

(b) Government have no statistics on this subject

Irwin Hospital, Delhi

- *223. { Shri Warior:
Shri Vasudevan Nair
Shri Punnoose:

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state

(a) whether Government have examined the report of the Delhi State Medical and Health Reorganisation Committee (1955) about revising the pay scales of the medical staff of the Irwin Hospital, Delhi, and

(b) if so, the decisions arrived at?

The Minister of Health (Shri Kar-markar): (a) Yes

(b) The Central Health Service has since been created and all medical and public health posts in Delhi have been included in the different grades of the service

Bhakra Dam

*224 Shri Hem Raj: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No 694 on the 28th August, 1958 and state:

(a) whether the Central Spillway training wall in the Bhakra Dam has since been repaired, and

(b) if so, the additional cost incurred on its repairs?

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

(b) Rs 4,07,500

Supply of Rice to Madras

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

(a) whether the Madras Government have made a request to the Centre for the supply of one lakh tons of rice out of its purchase in Andhra, and

(b) if so, the quantity supplied so far?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) On a request received from the Madras Government, the Government of India have agreed to supply one lakh tons rice to the Madras Government

(b) Besides about 2,000 tons of Nellore rice supplied earlier, the supply of another 15,000 tons of raw rice is being arranged in accordance with the request of the State Government. Further supplies of rice will be arranged, as and when required, in consultation with the State Government

Ayurvedic Manuscripts

*226. Shri Shankaraiya: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state

(a) whether any attempt has been made or scheme formulated to collect Ayurvedic manuscripts from all parts of India and to classify, tabulate and publish them,