

(b) if so, the action taken in the matter?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr P. S. Deshmukh): (a) Yes.

(b) Foreign exchange for two proposals to import spare parts of tractors and bull-dozers of the value of Rs 78,000 and Rs 70,736 has been released. The third proposal received in July, 1959 for import of additional quantity of spare parts of the value of Rs 42,000 is under examination.

Agricultural University, New Delhi

*1330 Shri Inder J. Malhotra: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi has been converted into an Agricultural University,

(b) if so, what are the different branches of agriculture in which the degree courses for the award of MSc and Ph.D. are being offered, and

(c) the number of students admitted every year for these post-graduate courses?

The Deputy Minister of Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa): (a) Yes. The Indian Agricultural Research Institute has been accorded the status of a University under section 3 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956, (3 of 1956), for the purpose of awarding MSc and Ph.D. degrees.

(b) The degrees of MSc and Ph.D. are awarded in the following branches of the Agricultural Sciences at present:

- (a) Agronomy,
- (b) Botany,
- (c) Chemistry,
- (d) Horticulture,
- (e) Entomology,
- (f) Mycology and Plant Pathology.

(c) A maximum of one hundred students is admitted to the B.Sc. course and 50 students to the Ph.D. degree course every year. The actual number admitted is subject to the seats available at the time of admission.

National Highway in Manipur

*1331. Shri L. Achaw Singh: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Highway from Mao to Moreh has been taken over by the Manipur Administration, and

(b) if so, what steps the Manipur Administration have taken in accordance with the National Highways Act for the development of this road since the time it was taken over?

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

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

This section of National Highway 39 is being maintained to National Highway standards, by the Manipur Administration since the 1st April 1958. The works of National Highways are generally entrusted to the respective State Governments who act as agents to the Central Government. No new works have yet been taken up. Rs 700 lakh have been provided in the revised Second Five Year Plan for restoration of any slips that occur in this section. The road has already fully black-topped surface.

Kalinga Airlines Crash

*1332 { Shrimati Benu Chakravartty:
Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Shri Basumatari: .

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Engineer Shri A. C. Shekhari signed