

Coconut

*158. **Shri Warrior:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been brought to the notice of the Government of India that the coconut growers are very often adversely affected by the abnormal price movement of coconut oil; and

(b) whether the Government have before it any proposals to remedy the situation?

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

(b) Prices of coconut and its products have been showing a rising tendency since early 1956. This has been to the advantage of the grower. To prevent abnormal price movements of coconut oil adjustment of import quotas and import duties can be resorted to, if necessary.

Rural University

*159. **Shri Ajit Singh:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India have taken any decision regarding setting up of a Rural University in India having agricultural subjects in all its courses of studies; and

(b) if so, the location thereof?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Smuggling of Foodgrains to East Pakistan

*160. **Shrimati Ila Palchoudhury:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India are aware of the fact that recently certain foodgrains, specially rice, from Bihar and West Bengal were unauthorisedly sent to East Pakistan; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to prevent this illegal export?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) No specific instances of smuggling have recently come to the notice of the Government though general allegations about smuggling of rice have been made from time to time.

(b) The West Bengal Government have been vested with necessary powers to take suitable action to reduce, if not to prevent altogether, smuggling and they are understood to have tightened up control over movements across the border.

Agricultural College

*161. **Shri M. Shankariyab:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to lay a statement showing:

(a) the number of the Agricultural Colleges in the several States that have been assisted by the Central Government under the agreement between the Government of India and Ford Foundation;

(b) the nature of the assistance that is being given under the agreement; and

(c) the nature of the new departments or extension wings that have been opened in each college?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 43].

Harbour at Paradip

*162. { **Shri Supakar:**
Shri P. K. Deo:

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

(a) whether the investigation in connection with the building of an all-weather harbour at Paradip in Orissa Coast has been completed; and

(b) if so, the result of such investigation?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). No, Sir. Model studies, surveys and investigations in connection with the development of an all-weather port at Paradip are still in progress.

Passenger Trains on Panipat-Jind and Narwana-Kurukshetra Lines

*163. Shri Mool Chand: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether representations have been received from the public about the inadequacy of the numbers of passenger trains on Panipat-Jind and Narwana-Kurukshetra lines; and

(b) if so, what motion has been taken on these representations which are based on genuine need of the laqa?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) Yes.

(b) There is no Traffic justification for the introduction of any additional Trains on these sections.

बीकानेर रेलवे डिविजन में रेल के डिब्बे

*१६४. श्री प० ला० बालूपाल : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) उत्तर रेलवे के बीकानेर डिबिजन पर प्रथम और द्वितीय श्रेणी के चार पहिये वाले कितने डिब्बे हैं ;

(ख) क्या ये डिब्बे डाक और सवारी गाड़ियों में जोड़े जाते हैं ; और

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि उन के हल्के होने के कारण यात्रियों की बार बार धक्के लगने से बड़ी परेशानी होती है ?

रेलवे उपमंत्री (श्री शाह नवाज खाँ) :

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(ख) इन में से कुछ डिब्बे सवारी गाड़ियों में लगाये जाते हैं, लेकिन ये डिब्बे डाक या एक्सप्रेस गाड़ियों नहीं लगाये जाते ।

(ग) मुमकिन है कि इन डिब्बों में सफर करने वाले मुसाफिरों की उतना आराम न मिलता हो जितना अठपहिये डिब्बों में मिलता है ।

Industrial Estates

*165. Shri Thimajah: Will the Minister of Community Development be pleased to state the approximate amount to be spent for each of the twenty small Industrial Estates proposed to be set up at Community Development Block Head-quarters?

The Minister of Community Development (Shri S. K. Dey): Rs. 2 to 5 lakhs (approximately).

Public Call Offices

*166. Shri Jhulan Sinha: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the difficulties and handicaps experienced by customers at the Public Call Offices opened at sub-divisional Headquarters on account of the part time attendants dealing with calls as also on account of the telegraph clerks attending to them in addition to their own duties; and

(b) whether it is a fact that revenue from these Public Call Offices has already begun to decline because of the above-mentioned reasons?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes, Government is aware of the difficulties experienced by the customers at some of the Public Call Offices. But it has not been possible to provide full time attendants and additional clerks due to the enormous cost to which the Department will be put to. However, the position in respect of each and every Public Call Office is kept under constant review and the duty hours of the attendants are extended wherever justified.