

at present) at Gauhati for through passengers arriving there by 2 Up Avadh Tirhut Mail and desirous of travelling onwards by No. 7 South Bank Mail.

National Sugar Mill, Ahmedpur

2553 { **Dr. Saradish Roy;**
Shri Dinen Bhattacharya;
Dr. Ranen Sen:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of West Bengal have made any proposal to the Central Government to take over the National Sugar Mills, Ahmedpur (West Bengal); and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is receiving attention.

मैसूर राज्य में चीनी के कारखाने

२५५४. श्री बीरप्पा : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि केन्द्रीय सरकार ने मैसूर राज्य को चीनी के कारखाने के लाइसेंस देने का वायदा किया था परन्तु अब तक इस बारे में कोई अंतिम निर्णय नहीं किया गया है ; और

(ख) राज्य सरकार को चीनी का कारखाना खोलने का लाइसेंस कब दिया जायेगा ?

खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अ० म० श्यामस) : (क) और (ख), शर्करा कारखाने स्थापित करने के लिये लाइसेंस आवेदकों को दिये जाते हैं न कि

राज्य सरकारों को । मैसूर सरकार को कोई वचन देने का प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता । मैसूर राज्य के आवेदकों से प्राप्त आवेदन-पत्रों पर अन्य राज्यों के आवेदकों से प्राप्त आवेदन पत्रों के साथ विचार हो रहा है ।

Land under Cultivation

2555. **Shri Maheswar Naik:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the total land available for cultivation in the country;

(b) the land actually under cultivation;

(c) how much of it is provided with irrigation facilities; and

(d) the time by which full irrigation is expected to be provided?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) and (b). No detailed surveys have been carried out to determine the extent of land included under the category 'culturable wastes' and 'land under miscellaneous tree crops and groves' which can be easily brought under cultivation. However, on the basis of available information for the year 1960-61, the total land available for cultivation and the area of land under actual cultivation are tentatively estimated at 444.6 million acres and 356.1 million acres respectively.

(c) 60.2 million acres.

(d) According to preliminary estimates the ultimate irrigation potential from major and medium schemes is roughly of the order of 112 million acres (gross) and from minor irrigation it is of the order of 75 million acres (gross).

It is not at present possible to estimate when this irrigation potential will be achieved.