

श्री भार० एन० सिंह : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि १९५२-५३ और १९५३-५४ में बिना टिकट यात्रा करने वाले यात्रियों से कितना रुपया वसूल किया गया है ।

श्री शाहनवाज़ खाँ : बहुत बड़ी मिकदार में रुपया वसूल हुआ है, लेकिन अगर आनरेबुल मेम्बर रकम जानना चाहते हैं तो मुझे नोटिस चाहिए ।

CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES

*2256.. **Shri B. K. Patel:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to encourage formation of Co-operative Societies amongst the agriculturists as stated by him at a Co-operative conference, held in Madhya Bharat in March, 1954; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken in the matter?

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

(b) The steps taken in the matter include financial assistance, arrangements for better supervision and training, preferential use of co-operatives for distribution of Government aid and material requisites to agriculture wherever possible, etc.

Shri B. K. Patel: Is the scheme going to be applied to all the States in India?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: Yes, Sir. Whatever assistance it is possible to give will be distributed to all the States in India.

Shri B. K. Patel: Has the Government advised all States to carry out this scheme?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: Yes, Sir. We are in constant correspondence with them and they know what facilities

are available. Whenever facilities like training and other things are concerned, we invite their suggestions and take their personnel.

Shri S. N. Das: What are the concrete steps taken by the Central Government during this year?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: It would be difficult to state them only for this year. I can tell my hon. friend that the Central Government have provided Rs. 10 lakhs for organising and expanding facilities for education and training of co-operative personnel. We have set apart Rs. 40 lakhs for experiments in co-operative farming. There are Rs. 5 crores to be advanced by way of medium and long-term loans. The Reserve Bank has also liberalised the procedure for the grant of accommodation to State co-operative banks and has provided for the grant of medium-term loans as advances to the agriculturists.

SULPHATE OF AMMONIA

*2257. **Shri N. Sreekantan Nair:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the answer given to starred question No. 588 on the 17th August, 1953 and state the reasons why the price of the F.A.C.T. sulphate of ammonia is higher than that of Sindri?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): The procurement price of F.A.C.T. sulphate of Ammonia is higher than that of the Sindri material due to the high cost of production of the former.

Shri N. Sreekantan Nair: May I know from which other sources sulphate of ammonia is mixed up in the fertiliser pool?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: There are about four sources so far as I can follow the question of the hon. Member. If he wants the sources from which we get this, they are: the factory in Alwaye, the factory in Mysore, the Sindri factory and there are some others where it is a by-product.