

The Deputy Minister of Health (Shrimati Chandrasekhar) : (a) 12 in full and 4 in part.

(b) 10.

(c) Within about 3 years.

DUMPING OF NIGHT-SOIL

1554. Shri Biren Dutt : Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the people of Ranjit Nagar Colony of Agartala, Tripura are suffering due to fouling of air by dumping of night-soil there by the Agartala Municipality; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to protect the health of the colony?

The Deputy Minister of Health (Shrimati Chandrasekhar) : (a) Enquiries reveal that such is not the case.

(b) Does not arise.

IMPORT OF VEGETABLE SEEDS

1555. Dr. D. Ramachander : Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are allowing the import of Exotic vegetable seeds which was banned before 1953;

(b) whether the seed growing centre in Kashmir which was started during the war years is now functioning; and

(c) whether the Central Vegetable Breeding Station in Kulu Valley has evolved suitable strains to suit the various climatic conditions obtained in India?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh) : (a) Yes; Cauliflower seeds of Snowball variety are allowed to be imported on 100% General and 100% soft basis. For the other varieties of Vegetable seeds, applications from established importers and users such as nurseries are considered on an *ad hoc* basis.

(b) Yes. The work of producing seeds of selected European-type Vegetables is in progress in Kashmir under a scheme financed by I.C.A.R.

(c) The work done hitherto at the Central Vegetable Breeding Station, Kulu Valley, mainly related to the production of nucleus seeds of some European-type vegetables imported from abroad. Breeding for evolving strains suitable for various climatic conditions has now been taken up by the Station.

SHIFTING OF SUGAR FACTORY

1556. Shrimati Ila Palchoudhury : Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the question of giving permission to shift one of the Sugar Factories of the Raza-Buland Group in District Rampur, U.P. to some other place is under the consideration of the Government of India;

(b) if so, the name of the place where it is proposed to shift the factory;

(c) whether Government have received any representation from the Agriculturists Association of Bilaspur, District Rampur, U. P. against the reported move to shift the factory;

(d) if so, whether Government have arrived at any decision; and

(e) if not, when a decision is likely to be taken?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) Yes, of Raza Sugar factory.

(b) Baraut, Distt. Meerut (U.P.).

(c) Yes.

(d) Not yet.

(e) A decision is expected to be taken shortly.

PROCEDURE FOR PROMOTION TO SELECTION AND NON-SELECTION POSTS

1557. Shri Nambiar : Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the details of the procedure followed