

**Mysore Sugar Company, Mandya**

516, Shri Shivananajappa: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the Sugar-cane price paid to the cane-growers of Mysore Sugar Company at Mandya for the year 1956-57;

(b) whether any bonus was also given to the cane-growers for the year 1956-57;

(c) if so, what is the amount of bonus; and

(d) the cane-price fixed for the year 1957-58 for the cane-growers of Mandya factory?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) Out of a total cane price of Rs. 85 88 lakhs payable for the 1956-57 season, the factory had paid upto the 15th July, 1957, Rs 85 78 lakhs leaving an unpaid balance of only Rs 0 58 lakhs, or about 0.6% of the total price

(b) and (c) Bonus or extra cane price, if any, is to be paid by the factory on the basis of average price realised for the entire sugar produced in the season. Out of the 1956-57 season's production Mandya factory had still an undespached balance of 6,454 tons sugar on 22nd July, 1957. The question of payment of any extra price for cane would, therefore, arise after the entire production has been disposed of.

(d) The Central Government have already announced a price of Rs. 1/7 per maund for delivery at gate and Rs 1/5/- per maund for delivery at rail centres for the season 1957-58. These are applicable to all factories in the country including Mandya factory.

**Fertilisers**

517, Shri Ramakrishnan: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of potash salts in use as fertiliser;

(b) how much of this quantity is manufactured in India; and

(c) what steps are being taken to increase the production?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) About 23,000 tons per year based on average of past three years.

(b) Nearly 2,000 tons.

(c) The imported muriate of potash is cheaper than the indigenous manufacture of muriate of Potash of equivalent purity. In countries which are exporting Muriate of Potash, it is available as a natural deposit. We are, however, encouraging its production as a bye-product from salt bitterns.

**केन्द्रीय ट्रैक्टर संगठन**

५१८. श्री हरिस चन्द्र शर्मा : क्या साहब तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) केन्द्रीय ट्रैक्टर संगठन पर उसकी स्थापना से लेकर ३१ मार्च १९५७ तक कितनी राशि व्यय की गई है; और

(ख) केन्द्रीय ट्रैक्टर संगठन ने इसी अवधि में कितनी पड़त भूमि को, किस किस स्थान पर कृषि के योग्य बनाया और उस पर प्रति एकड़ कितना व्यय हुआ?

साहब तथा कृषि मंत्री (श्री ज० प्र० जैन) : (क) १४,३२,४१,६८३ रुपये। यह धाकड़ा १९५६-५७ के खर्च के आराभिनिक धाकड़ों पर आधारित है।

(ख) खेती योग्य पड़त भूमि, जिसमें जंगल वाली जमीन, मिट्टी कटी हुई जमीन और खेती योग्य जमीन शामिल हैं, जो काल बास से दूषित होने के कारण बिल्कुल बंदर