

to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 950 on the 10th March, 1960 and state:

(a) whether Government have considered the recommendations of the one-man tribunal which went into the grievances of Railwaymen; and

(b) if so, the result thereof?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) and (b). The recommendations of the Tribunal are still under consideration along with the Pay Commission's Report.

Sugar Factory in Andhra Pradesh

501. Shri Madhusudan Rao: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether any application has been received by the Government of India from Andhra Pradesh for the establishment of a sugar factory in the State;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon; and

(c) the number of sugar factories existing in Andhra Pradesh at the end of 1959?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) and (b). Five applications have been received of which two have been approved and the rest are under consideration in consultation with the State Government.

(c) Thirteen.

P. & T. Employees

502. Shri Madhusudan Rao: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) how many employees of Posts and Telegraph Department are working in Hyderabad and Secunderabad at present; and

(b) the number of staff quarters constructed at these places so far for the staff?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Dr. P. Subbarayan): (a) 1620 in Hyderabad and 638 in Secunderabad.

(b) No staff quarters have yet been constructed in Hyderabad. A scheme has already been sanctioned for constructing 200 quarters, the lay out plan for which has been finalised. In Secunderabad, 38 residential units have been constructed so far.

Portable Charcoal Kiln

503. Shri P. K. Deo: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Forest Research Institute type of portable charcoal kiln is popularly used in the country for the manufacture of Charcoal;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the cost of production of charcoal in this Kiln is higher than that in the conventional type; and

(d) what are the advantages of the portable type of Charcoal Kiln as developed by the Forest Research Institute?

The Deputy Minister of Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa): (a) No.

(b) The initial investment cost of the kiln designed by the Forest Research Institute is too high for small investors.

(c) No.

(d) The advantages of the portable type of charcoal kiln as developed by the Forest Research Institute are:—

1. Quick carbonization and quick cooling.
2. Gives a clean charcoal, free from impurities.
3. Portability.
4. Can be used throughout the year.
5. No danger of fire hazards.