

(a) whether the survey of the Indian lion has been done;

(b) whether the number is increasing or decreasing; and

(c) if it is decreasing, the reasons for the same?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) Yes Sir. Two censuses of lions in the Gir Forests in Gujrat State were carried out by the erstwhile Government of Saurashtra in 1950 and 1955. Another census is now proposed to be carried out by the Government of Gujarat.

(b) and (c). According to the above censuses, the number was increasing. The 1950 census showed that there were 219 lions while the 1955 census showed 290.

Co-operative Sugar Factories

3061. { Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri:
Shri G. K. Jedhe:
Shri Pangarkar:

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of Co-operative Sugar Factories are in various stages of installation;

(b) if so, full details of the progress made so far; and

(c) the location of these factories?

The Dy. Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) to (c). For the First and Second Plans, licences were granted for the establishment of 38 co-operative sugar factories. Of these, 37 have already gone into production. The progress made by the remaining 11 co-operatives as also by 15 co-operatives licensed recently for the Third Plan is given in the statement laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library, See No. LT-3187/61].

पटना विश्वविद्यालय डाकघर

३०६२. श्री विभूति मिश्र : क्या परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) कि क्या यह सच है कि पटना विश्वविद्यालय का डाकघर (पटना ५) में पोस्टकार्ड, लिफाफा, टिकटें एवं मनी-आर्डरों को चुकाने के लिए रुपयों की बहुधा कमी रहती है ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि डाकघर में कर्मचारियों की भी कमी है यहां तक कि एक ही व्यक्ति बचत बैंक और रजिस्ट्री पार्सल इत्यादि का काम करता है, जिसके कारण लोगों को दिक्कतों का सामना करना पड़ता है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो सरकार इस सम्बन्ध में कौनसा कदम उठाने जा रही है ?

परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य-मंत्री (श्री राज बहादुर) (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) यह सच है कि एक ही कर्मचारी बचत बैंक का काम और दूसरे काम भी करता है ।

(ग) जाने-जाने वाले परियात (Traffic) को दृष्टि में रखते हुए वहां के कर्मचारी-वर्ग का पर्यालोचन (Survey) करके डाक-तार महासंस्थान ने हाल ही में इस डाकघर के लिए लिये एक स्लॉक और मंजूर किया है ।

Visit of a Team of Farmers to USA

3063. Shri Anwar: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a team of 12 farmers visited the U.S.A. recently;

(b) if so, the method of selection;