

Licences for Sugar Co-operatives in Mysore

7451. **Shri G. Y. Krishnan:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that applications for licences by several sugar co-operatives in Mysore State are pending with the Central Government;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) when the necessary sanction will be given?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahb Shinde): (a) Yes, Sir, Four applications are pending.

(b) and (c). Due to limited rupee resources for grant of long term loans, there is difficulty in the establishment of new cooperative sugar factories already licensed. Therefore, the question of granting licences for more factories has been deferred till the problem of finance has been resolved.

Treatment to Tourists in Kashmir during Israeli-UAR Conflict

7452. **Shri Baburao Patel:** Will the Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a church was burnt down and British and Indian Tourists were beaten in Srinagar during the week when the Arab-Israeli war was going on;

(b) whether it is also a fact that hundreds of tourists were stranded and they had to lock themselves up for 4 days without food or help in their house-boats;

(c) whether it is further a fact that some British ladies were robbed of all their belongings including their clothes; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take to protect tourists in future against such out-bursts?

The Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation (Dr. Karan Singh): (a) to (d). On the 7th June, 1967 there were demonstrations at Srinagar in favour of the Arabs and against Israel in regard to the hostilities between Arab countries and Israel. Unfortunately, these demonstrations led to incidents of disorder in which two churches were damaged and some foreigners and tourists man-handled. Only one foreigner lodged a claim for compensation, and the State Government gave him suitable monetary assistance. The disorder on that day did cause inconvenience, and created some nervousness among tourists, but confidence was soon restored. The State Government are very anxious to ensure that tourists are given protection, assistance and encouragement, and the Govt. of India will render all co-operation to the State Government in this respect.

Cattle Population

7453. **Shri Baburao Patel:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to enforce family planning methods to stop increase in cattle population;

(b) the number of present cattle population in India, category-wise i.e., cows, buffaloes, horses sheep and goats;

(c) the percentage of annual increase by births and annual decrease by mortality;

(d) the type, quantity and cost of food and fodder consumed by our present cattle population; and

(e) the steps Government propose to take for meeting the requirement of fodder?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahb Shinde): (a) to (e).