

fb) by when the city of Hyderabad will have this facility and with what towns will it be connected?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SATYA NARAYAN SINHA) : (a) Twenty four.

(b) By 1972. Hyderabad will first be connected to Bombay. Hyderabad is also proposed to be connected to Vijayawada and Madras by 1973 and 1974.

CONVERSION OF NEWS AGENCIES INTO PUBLIC CORPORATIONS

*132. SHRI A. D. MANI :

SARDAR D. K. JADHAV :

SHRI NAND KISHORE

BHATT: SHRI JAGAT NARAIN

: SHRI SURAJ PRASAD : SHRI

SITARAM JAIPURIA: SHRI M. K.

MOHTA :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether he made a statement in New Delhi on September 16, 1969, to the effect that Government proposed to convert the for news agencies PTL, UNI, Samachar Bharati and Hindustan Samachar into public corporations;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Press Council and the share-holders of these news agencies were consulted in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : (a) to (c) It was stated that the Government would like the news agencies to be public corporations in keeping with the recommendations of the Press Commission, 1954-Details are being examined.

L. I. C. WHOLE-LIFE POLICIES

♦133- SHRI J. S. TILAK: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of policy holders who had taken out Whole-life Insurance Policies before 31st March 1934 with

premiums payable throughout life from the Postal Life Insurance, and who have now attained the age of 70 years or more; and

(b) the total annual premium payable on such policies?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SATYA NARAYAN SINHA) : (a) 890.

(b) Rs. 72,625.32.

NATIONAL FILM COUNCIL

*134. SHRI GODEY MURAHARI : DR.

SALIG RAM :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) by when the National Film Council would come into existence; and

(b) what would be its proposed composition and functions ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : (a) and (b) Final decision about the functions, scope and composition of the Film Council has not yet been taken. The matter is still under active consideration.

NATIONALISATION OF SUGAR INDUSTRY

♦135. SARDAR GURCHARAN SINGH TOHRA:

SARDAR HARCHARAN

SINGH DUGAL :

SHRI BABUBHAI M. CHINAI :

SHRI Y. ADINARAYANA

REDDY, SHRI A.

D. MANI;

SARDAR NARAINDAR SINGH

BRAR :

SHRI CHITTA BASU :

SHRI SUNDAR SINGH BHANDARI :

SHRI PREM MANOHAR :

SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT:

Will the Minister of FOOD and AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of India propose to nationalise the sugar industry in the country;

(b) whether Government have received various memoranda in this respect;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHAB SHINDE) : (a) to (d) Government have received some memorandums suggesting nationalisation of the sugar industry. Various aspects of the question are under examination.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF MR. WOLF LADJEJINSKY

*136. SHRI LOKANATH MISRA: SHRI LEVI SINGH : SHRI K. C. PANDA : DR. B. M. ANTANI : SHRI S. S. MARISWAMY : I

Will the Minister of FOOD and AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Mr. Wolf Ladjeinsky, a leading international authority on agriculture and a World Bank consultant visited India in September and submitted a report regarding the Green Revolution in our country;

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations or comments made by Mr. Wolf regarding the Green Revolution ;

(c) whether it is a fact that he is in favour of widening the scope of the Green Revolution as otherwise higher farm output and rising incomes were bound to be restricted to a relatively small number of farmers; and

(d) what is the reaction of the Government of India thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHAB SHINDE) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Mr. Wolf Ladjeinsky, who visited two districts of Punjab in February and mid-May, 1960, and two districts of Bihar in April 1960, has published his impressions regarding technological developments and their impact in the Economic and Political Weekly dated June 28, 1969 and September, 27, 1969.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Government of India have noted the contents of the articles published by Mr. Ladjeinsky. Copies of the articles have also been forwarded to the Governments of Punjab and Bihar.

गोबर की खाद

*137. श्री निरंजन वर्मा : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में जनता को इस बारे में शिक्षित करने हेतु गोबर को जलाने के काम में जाने के बजाये उसकी खाद बनायी जाये, सरकार ने अब तक कौन-कौन से उपाय किये हैं ;

(ख) इन उपायों पर कुल कितनी रकम खर्च की गई है ; और

(ग) क्या गोबर की खाद कई अन्य खादों से बहुत अच्छी प्रमाणित हुई है ?

COW-DUNG AS MANURE

*137. SHRI NIRANJAN VARMA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the measures adopted by Government so far to educate the people in the country in utilising cow-dung for manure instead of using it as fuel; and

(b) the total amount of money spent on these measures; and

(c) whether the manure of cow-dung has proved far better than many other manures?!

खाद्य, कृषि, सामुदायिक विकास और सहकारिता मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अण्णा-साहेब शिंदे) (क) से (ग) अपेक्षित जानकारी देने वाला एक विवरण सभा पटल पर रख दिया गया है ।

विवरण

(क) गोबर का ईंधन के रूप में प्रयोग करने की बजाये खाद उत्पादन के लिये संरक्षण करना स्थानीय खाद संसाधनों का अधिक तथा अच्छा उपयोग करने की योजना के अधीन कार्यक्रम का एक भाग है जोकि योजनाओं की अवधि में राज्य क्षेत्र के अधीन चल रहा

†[] English translation.