

10 Farm Leaders left for the U.S.A. during August-September, 1964. This batch of farmers will stay in the U.S.A. for a period of about 2 months.

The purpose of the Farm Leaders Exchange Programme is mainly to help Indian Farmers discover techniques, which can be adopted to India's small farm holdings and to build up friendship and understanding between the farmers of the two countries. Under this programme, 5 groups of Americans farmers totalling 68 visited India during 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963 and 1964. Only two groups of Indian farmers, aggregating 22, visited the U.S.A. in 1961 and 1962. Due to the 'Emergency' Indian farmers were not sent to the U.S.A. in 1963.]

673. [Transferred to the 3rd October, 1964.]

**AMOUNTS ADVANCED TO THE ALL INDIA KHADI AND VILLAGE INDUSTRIES COMMISSION**

674. SHRI M. C. SHAH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL SECURITY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the amounts advanced to the All India Khadi and Village Industries Commission by the Government of India during the years 1961-62, 1962-63 and 1963-64; and

(b) out of these amounts, what amounts were (i) advanced as loans and (ii) given as subsidy?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW (SHRI JAGANATH Rao): (a) The following amounts were released to the Khadi and Village Industries Commission during the years 1961-62 to 1963-64:—

Year	Amount Rs. (in lakhs)
1961-62 . . . . .	1569.50
1962-63 . . . . .	1721.29
1963-64 . . . . .	1683.48

(b) Out of the above amounts, the amounts advanced as loans and subsidies were as below:—

Year	Loans Rs. (in lakhs)	Subsidy Rs. (in lakhs)
1961-62 . . . . .	521.50	197.00
1962-63 . . . . .	512.00	209.29
1963-64 . . . . .	400.00	233.67

**ESTABLISHMENT OF SUGAR FACTORY AT PARLAKHEMUNDI (ORISSA)**

675. SHRI N. PATRA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any officer of the Agricultural Department of the Government of India visited recently Parlakhemundi in the State of Orissa along with some other officers of the State Government to investigate about the feasibility of establishment of a sugar factory at that place; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, whether any report has been submitted by the concerned officer and if so what are its contents?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI D. R. CHAVAN): (a) and (b) A study team of three Central Government officers, while visiting certain sites in Orissa State selected for on-the-spot studies in connection with applications for establishment of new sugar factories passed through Parlakhemundi. The State officials accompanying the team showed some cane fields to the Central Government Officers in Parlakhemundi areas. As no application for setting up a sugar factory at this place has been received, the question of any action or report does not arise.