

such cases found positive were administered antimalaria treatment on the spot. The spraying operations were continued for a further period of ten days in riverain sectors of Narela and Shahdhra zones in order to complete a third round of D.D.T. spray specially planned to meet the unusual situation this year.

#### SUPPLY OF CHEMICAL FERTILIZERS TO DELHI

82. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made arrangements to supply Delhi with chemical fertilizers to help step up food production;

(b) if so, what is the quantity given; and

(c) what other steps have been taken to provide an incentive to peasants of Delhi to produce more food?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI A. P. JAIN):

(a) Yes.

(b) 550 tons of sulphate of Ammonia have been supplied so far.

(c) The following steps have been taken:—

(i) Supply of sludge and compost manure at concessional rates through Government transport.

(ii) Fertilizer depots have been opened so as to bring the supplies within the easy reach of the cultivator.

(iii) Wheat seed has been treated with insecticides before sowing and only 50 per cent. of the cost of the chemicals is recovered.

(iv) Superphosphate is being supplied at subsidized rates, 25 per cent. below cost.

(v) Improved seeds of wheat and gram have been supplied to obtain increased yield. It

has also been decided to set up 2 seed farms in Delhi Territory which will produce 'foundation' seeds for multiplication and onward supply to peasants for increasing food production.

(vi) Credit facilities have also been provided to the farmers for the purchase of manure fertilisers, implements and seeds by the Co-operative Department.

(vii) About a lakh of rupees have been disbursed among the farmers for the construction of surface wells.

(viii) 'Teams of Helpers' consisting of technical officers of the Ministry and at its headquarters were formed to help the farmers at the time of sowing and also for organising demonstrations on cultivators fields.

(ix) Posters, pamphlets and other suitable literature were widely distributed amongst cultivators.

#### FIXATION OF FOODGRAIN PRICES

83. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Union Government have issued an order enabling them to fix the prices of foodgrains in the Northern States; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take steps to pass such orders for the Southern States also?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI A. P. JAIN):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) There is no such proposal.

#### DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN THE FOOD-GRAINS ENQUIRY COMMITTEE REPORT

84. SHRI AWADESHWAR PRASAD SINHA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to paragraph 4.42 at page 53 of the

Report of the Foodgrains Enquiry Committee, 1957, and lay on the Table of the Rajya Sabha the following documents referred to therein:—

1. Shri K. M. Munshi's letter dated March 14, 1952;
2. Food and Agriculture Ministry's note on "Price Stabilisation" forwarded with letter dated May 1, 1954, from the Ministry's Secretary;
3. Reply dated May 3, 1954, from Deputy Chairman Planning Commission and earlier note from him on the subject; and
4. Shri A. P. Jain's letter dated April 29, 1955?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI A. P. JAIN): Copies of the documents asked for have already been furnished to the Library of Parliament for the use of the Members of Parliament.

**दो इंजीनियरों का अमेरिका में हाईवे इंजीनियरिंग का प्रशिक्षण**

**८५. श्री राम साहाय :** क्या परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) १९५७-५८ में जो दो इंजीनियर—एक सरकारी और एक निजी—हाईवे इंजीनियरिंग के प्रशिक्षण के लिये अमेरिका भेजे गये थे क्या वे वापस आ गये हैं, और

(ख) यदि हा, तो उनके प्रशिक्षण का उपयोग किस प्रकार किया जा रहा है ?

†[TRAINING OF TWO ENGINEERS IN HIGHWAY ENGINEERING IN AMERICA

85. SHRI RAM SAHAI: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the two engineers—one official and the other non-official—who were sent to America for

training in highway engineering in 1957-58 have since returned; and

(b) if so, how their training is being utilised?]

**परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य-मंत्री (श्री राज बहादुर) :** (क) जी हां ।

(ख) सरकारी इंजीनियर राजस्थान राज्य के सरकारी निर्माण विभाग में सुपरिन्टेंडिंग इंजीनियर के रूप में काम कर रहे हैं । इनके प्रशिक्षण का उपयोग राज्य सरकार राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों तथा राज्य की सड़कों में सम्बन्धित काम की योजना तैयार करने और इन्हें पूरा करने में कर रही है । गैर सरकारी इंजीनियर मेसर्स बरमाशैल, मद्रास के यहां काम कर रहा है और उसके प्रशिक्षण का उपयोग बिटुमनी सड़क बनाने की टेकनीक में किया जा रहा है ।

†[THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) Yes.

(b) The official engineer is working with the Rajasthan State Public Works Department as a Superintending Engineer and the training received by him is being utilized by the State Government in the planning and execution of works relating to National Highways and State roads. The non-official engineer is working with Messrs. Burmah-Shell, Madras, and the knowledge gained by him is being utilized in the technique of bituminous road construction.]

**TIMBER EXTRACTION IN ANDAMAN ISLANDS**

86. SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the quantity (in tons) of log timber extracted by the Forest Department, Andaman Islands, during each of the years 1955-56, 1956-57 and 1957-58;