

†[ADVICE FOR CAUTION IN GIVING FURTHER AGRICULTURAL CREDIT TO STATES

*362. SHRI NAWAB SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Sir Malcom Darling, the Colombo Plan Consultant to the Planning Commission, after having inspected the co-operative movement in India, has advised Government to exercise caution in giving further agricultural credit to the States; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken or propose to take on this recommendation?]

खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्र: (श्री ए० पी० जैन) : (क) जी हां ।

(ख) यह रिपोर्ट राज्य सरकारों को भेज दी गई है। राज्य सरकारें अपनी नीतियां बनाते समय सर मेलकम डार्लिंग के परिणामों को ध्यान में रखेंगी ।

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

(a) Yes, Sir.
(b) The Report has been circulated to State Governments. The State Governments will take into account the observations of Sir Malcom Darling in formulating their policies.]

QUANTITY OF PADDY, RICE AND WHEAT TO BE SUPPLIED BY CENTRE TO ORISSA IN 1958

*376. SHRI S. PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the quantity of paddy, rice and wheat to be supplied by the Centre to Orissa in 1958?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI A. P. JAIN): Orissa Government are not likely to require any supply of rice and paddy from the Centre during the current year. The wheat requirements of the State will be met in full.

†[]English translation.

FARMERS' DELEGATIONS TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES

*377. SHRI S. PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any farmers' delegations were sent to foreign countries in the year 1957;

(b) if so, the number of such delegations and the countries they visited during that year; and

(c) whether the tours undertaken by such delegations have resulted in any direct benefit towards food production?

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

(a) and (b). A group of 20 Farm Leaders was sent to the United States of America under the Indo-American Technical Assistance programme for a period of 3 months to study Community Organisations, the role of Farm Organisation, Cooperative work, in Extension, Rural Credit and related matters etc.

(c) It is considered that such visits of Farm Leaders to foreign countries assist in creating a band of enlightened workers who would help to develop farm organisations, rural cooperatives and thereby contribute to the development of agriculture in general.

CONSTRUCTION OF DRY DOCK AT VISAKHAPATNAM

*378. SHRI V. VENKATARAMANA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposal to construct a Dry Dock at Visakhapatnam has been dropped; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) The proposal has been put off for the present.

(b) Non-availability of foreign exchange as the project was not included in the "Core" of the plan.