

[THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) Some Exploratory work on such a device has been undertaken.

(b) As the idea is still in the exploratory stage, it is too early to give any details of the device.

(c) In view of replies to (a) and (b), this does not arise.]

CHEMICAL FERTILISER ISSUED TO HIMACHAL PRADESH ADMINISTRATION

*170. SHRIMATI LILA DEVI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of chemical fertiliser issued to the Himachal Pradesh Administration since 1952; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the cost of the same has not been deposited in the Treasury so far?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI A. P. JAIN): (a) 954 tons up to the end of December, 1957 in addition to 139 tons supplied free for experimental and demonstration purposes.

(b) The Central Fertiliser Pool has recovered from the Administration the entire cost of the fertiliser supplied. The recovery of the cost of fertiliser supplied to consumers and depositing the money into the Treasury is the concern of the Administration. Information regarding the same is awaited from the State Government.

PRODUCTION, REQUIREMENT AND IMPORT OF SEED POTATOES

*171. SHRIMATI LILA DEVI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of seed potatoes produced in the Central farms during the years 1955-56, 1956-57 and 1957-58;

(b) the total requirement of seed potatoes for the whole country; and

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(c) the quantity of seed potatoes imported during the years 1955-56, 1956-57 and 1957-58 and the countries from which it was imported?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI A. P. JAIN): (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

(a) Production of Seed potatoes.—

Period	Quantity in Central farms
1955-56	• • 3)483 maunds
1956-57	• • 2,633 »
1957-58	• • 2,342 „
(so far)	

(The crop in the centres in plains has not yet been harvested.)

(J) Requirement of Seed potatoes—

10,500,000 maunds approximately for the whole country on the basis of existing acreage.

(c) Import of Seed potatoes—

Period	Quantity (Mds.)	Country
1955-56	• 81,970	Burma
1956-57	• 1,03,880	Burma
	273	Niederland
1957-58	• Nil	
(so far)		

SET-UP FOR PLAN PUBLICITY

*175. SHRI M. H. SAMUEL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state the set-up in the Ministry of Informanwa and Broadcasting for the Five Year Plan publicity?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (DR. B. V. KESKAR): A statement giving the general set-up is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

The Ministry function in relation to publicity for the Plan with the assistance of an Adviser and one Deputy