

in India indicate the probability of dust storms on the surface of the planet. These observations were confirmed from the data collected in other countries.

(b) It is not possible to express any view from the observations taken in India alone, but a study of the data collected from all over the world by the International Mars Committee seems to suggest the possibility of the existence of some very hardy vegetation on Mars.

**CENTRAL ASSISTANCE FOR SETTING UP A  
SECOND MILK COLONY FOR BOMBAY  
CITY**

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

(a) whether any request for assistance has been received by Government from the Government of Bombay for starting a second milk colony for Bombay City; and

(b) if so, what is the estimated cost of setting up this milk colony?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI A. P. JAIN): (a) Yes, a request has been received from the Government of Bombay for a loan of Rs. 2 lakhs during the year 1957-58.

(b) Rs. 4.5 Crores.

दिल्ली में कारबाइड गैस द्वारा पकाये  
गये ग्रामों की बिक्री

६८७. श्री नवाब सिंह चौहान : क्या स्वास्थ्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली में कारबाइड गैस द्वारा पकाये गये ग्राम भारी मात्रा में बेचे गये;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने उसके प्रभाव की जांच की है; और

(ग) जांच का परिणाम क्या निकला है और इस संबंध में सरकार ने क्या कार्यवाही की है?

**†[SALE OF MANGOES RIPENED BY  
CARBIDE GAS IN DELHI]**

687. SHRI NAWAB SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that mangoes ripened by carbide gas were sold in large quantities in Delhi;

(b) if so, whether Government have investigated the effects thereof; and

(c) what is the result of the investigation and what action has been taken by Government in this regard?

स्वास्थ्य मंत्री (श्री डी० पी० कर्मकर):

(क) जी हां।

(ख) व. (ग) अब तक प्राप्त विशेषज्ञ अभिमत कैल्शियम कारबाइड द्वारा ग्राम के गूदे के विषाक्त होने की संभावना सूचित नहीं करता।

†[THE MINISTER OF HEALTH  
(SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR): (a) Yes.

(b) and (c) Expert opinion received so far does not indicate the possibility of poisoning of the mango pulp by Calcium Carbide.]

भारत और पाकिस्तान के बीच पोस्ट आफिस  
बैंक एकाउंट्स तथा पोस्टल सर्टिफिकेट्स  
का हस्तान्तरण

६८८. श्री नवाब सिंह चौहान : क्या परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(१) भारत को अभी पाकिस्तान से कितने पोस्ट आफिस सेविंग्स बैंक एकाउंट्स तथा पोस्टल सर्टिफिकेट्स प्राप्त नहीं हुए हैं

†[ ] English translation.