

pani Ghat at a site few miles downstream of the Kopilli Dam site in July, 1956 and have been continued since.

(b) Detailed investigations are in progress.

(c) The feasibility of the Project will be known only after the investigations have been completed and Project report is ready.

**SHRI PURNA CHANDRA SHARMA:** In view of the urgent necessity of irrigation in that area, are the Government considering steps as to how this irrigation project would materialise soon?

**SHRI J. S. L. HATHI:** Sir, the detailed investigations are likely to take about three years. After that only it can be considered.

**SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY:** May I know the nature of the detailed investigations that are taking place?

**SHRI J. S. L. HATHI:** The detailed investigations are about the geological survey, silt survey and collection of hydrological data.

**SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY:** In view of the fact the Panchet Hill Dam is likely to be silted up in a very short time, may I know whether Government have made any large scale attempt to investigate silting and if so, what is the attempt?

**SHRI J. S. L. HATHI:** The Research Institute at Poona examines these problems.

#### IMPORT OF FERTILIZERS

\*288. **SHRI M. H. SAMUEL:** Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the import of fertilizers has been stopped this year? If so, why?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA):** Import of fertilisers for the current year in respect of orders

placed last year is continuing. It has not, however, been possible to place more orders for the increased demand by the States in view of the foreign exchange difficulty.

**SHRI M. H. SAMUEL:** Is the fertiliser production in the country sufficient to meet the demand?

**SHRI A. P. JAIN:** No, not sufficient.

**SHRI M. H. SAMUEL:** Does it not affect the production of foodgrains?

**SHRI A. P. JAIN:** No, Sir. We have tried our best to supplement the internal production by imports. Nonetheless, we have not been able to meet the full demands of the State Governments and certainly, if we had more of fertilisers, production will go up.

**SHRI H. N. KUNZRU:** How will you carry out your target of increasing food production by 25 per cent.?

**SHRI A. P. JAIN:** The fulfilment of production target does not depend upon fertilizers only. There are many other things—improved seed, irrigation, higher grade manure, green manure, etc. Nonetheless, I must accept that the deficiency of fertilisers will adversely affect our production target.

**SHRI M. H. SAMUEL:** Then you would have to spend more foreign exchange on the import of foodgrains.

**SHRI A. P. JAIN:** As I have said in this House and the other House more than once, the foreign exchange component in the import of foodgrains would appear to be small. At present, there are only two agreements under which we have to pay in terms of pounds exchange. One is with Burma under which we are importing about 5 lakh tons of rice which costs about Rs. 25 crores. The other is under P. L. 480. We have to import our normal requirements outside that agreement and we have to import about 4 lakh tons of wheat from Australia which will . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: You are making a large policy statement here. One question, one answer and not a large policy statement.

SHRI A. P. JAIN: Shall I finish as it is or complete it?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes, complete it.

SHRI A. P. JAIN: .... Cost us about Rs. 15 to 16 crores. Besides that, we have to pay a certain amount on shipping.

PANDIT S. S. N. TANKHA: Is it a fact that the U. P. Government has made a request to the Central Government that a factory for production of fertilisers should be set up in Uttar Pradesh at a proper place and may I know whether any action has been taken thereon by the Central Government and if not, why not?

SHRI A. P. JAIN: The U. P. Government has made a request, but similar requests have been received from other State Governments and the sites which are more suited and more economical have been selected so far.

SHRI JASPAT ROY KAPOOR: When are the new fertilizer factories that are proposed to be installed in the country likely to go into production?

SHRI A. P. JAIN: Construction work has started at Bhakra-Nangal. Others have not yet been taken up, but it is expected that they will come into operation by 1960-61.

SHRI B. K. P. SINHA: May I know what quantity of fertilisers is likely to be imported this year on the basis of orders placed earlier, but not executed so far?

SHRI A. P. JAIN: We are importing 4.59 lakh tons. We had a programme for importing 5 lakh and 20 thousand tons in terms of sulphate of ammonia. Now, this import is likely to fall short by about 60,000 tons.

SHRIMATI T. NALLAMUTHU RAMAMURTI: What are the sites selected for the fertiliser factories?

SHRI A. P. JAIN: Bhakra-Nangal is one; Neiveli is another and two of the steel plants, probably Rourkela and Bhilai.

SHRI P. S. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: May I know what is the total production in the country and what is the total number of tons that are imported from outside?

SHRI A. P. JAIN: The total production of the country in terms of sulphate of ammonia is 4,25,000 p.a. *tons and this year we are importing 4,59,000 tons for 15 months—January, 1957 to March, 1958.*

SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY: May I know whether, in view of the shortage that we are having and also the non-availability of adequate quantity of fertilisers, the Government have thought of rationalising distribution of the available fertiliser as between the food crops and the cash crops?

SHRI A. P. JAIN: We are paying due attention to the distribution of fertilisers as between the different types of crops.

SHRI MAHESHWAR NAIK: May I know whether the stoppage of import from outside has in any way affected the internal price structure?

SHRI A. P. JAIN: No, Sir. Fertilisers are being distributed on the basis of a pool system under which a price is fixed.

DR. R. B. GOUR: Is it a fact that the contemplated production from all these fertiliser factories under the Second Five Year Plan falls short of and reaches only two-thirds, of the target fixed by the Agricultural Ministry? This is point No. 1. Point No. 2 is: Is it also a fact that the Neiveli and Rourkela factories will not be set up up to the end of the Second Five Year Plan for the simple reason that lignite and power from lignite could be got only by 1960-61?

SHRI A. P. JAIN: Well, so far as the second part is concerned, it may be. But we will try to expedite the matter. So far as the first part of the question is concerned, we are certainly trying to step up production as much as possible and in the year 1956-57, our production has outreached the target.

VALLABHBHAI PATEL CHEST INSTITUTE,  
DELHI

\*289. DR. SHRIMATI SEETA PARMA NAND: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) the number of students turned out every year from the Vallabhbhai Patel Chest Institute, Delhi.

(b) the salary per month and the main duties of the Director;

(c) for how many years the appointment has been made;

(d) whether the post was advertised;

(e) how many applications were received; and

(f) whether the appointment was referred to the Union Public Service Commission and if not, why not?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH (SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR): (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f). A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

#### STATEMENT

		No. of students
(a)	1947 Session	.. 6
	1948 Session	.. 11
	1949 Session	.. 10
	1950 Session	.. 10
	1951 Session	.. 12
	1952 Session	.. 12
	1953 Session	.. 11
	1954 Session	.. 17
	1955 Session	.. 13
	1956 Session	.. 11
	1957 Session	.. 14

(undergoing  
training)

(b) The scale of pay of the Director is Rs. 2,000-100-2500. His duties are:

(i) General Administration and control of the Institute and of the Research Clinic.

(ii) Organization of the training programme for the D.T.D. Course.

(iii) Teaching of students.

(iv) Conducting research and guiding research by other members of the staff and research officers.

(v) Examination of patients in the Chest Clinic attached to the Institute.

(vi) Academic duties in the University as Head of Medicine and Tuberculosis and Dean of the Faculty of Medicine.

(c) The appointment of the present incumbent has been made for a period of five years.

(d) Yes. The post was advertised by the University of Delhi in Indian newspapers and applications were called for from abroad through the High Commissioner for India in United Kingdom.

(e) Three applications were received.

(f) No. The appointments have to be made in conformity to the rules and regulations of the University. The University Selection Committee co-opted three prominent experts and after interviewing all the three candidates selected the present incumbent. The question of consulting Union Public Service Commission does not arise.

DR. SHRIMATI SEETA PARMA NAND: Is it a fact that this post of the Patel Chest Institute was an honorary one for the last four years and that now, a Director on Rs. 2,300 per month has been appointed? What is the reason for not continuing the honorary post? Was this post advertised before selection?