

### WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

#### SUPPLY OF FERTILIZERS TO MYSORE

13. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of ammonium sulphate and other fertilizers asked for by the Government of Mysore from the Central Fertilizers Pool in the years 1955-56 and 1956-57; and

(b) the quantity supplied?

THE MINISTER FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI A. P. JAIN): (a) and (b). A statement giving the required information is attached. [See Appendix XVI, Annexure No. 1.]

#### SUB-LETTING OF VENDING CONTRACTS ON RAILWAYS

14. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases in which sub-letting of vending contracts took place during the last three years in each railway zone; and

(b) what was the punishment meted out where sub-letting was proved?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) and (b). A statement, giving the requisite information, is attached. [See Appendix XVI, Annexure No. 2.]

#### SURVEY OF OLD RAILWAY BRIDGES

15. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to State:

(a) whether any survey of old railway bridges was undertaken by Government recently; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken as a result of the survey?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) and (b). All bridges on the Indian Railways are inspected annually and action is taken for their repair and/or rehabilitation as considered necessary on the basis of these inspections.

#### DISTRIBUTION OF ASSISTANCE RECEIVED FROM UNICEF

16. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for HEALTH be pleased to state the agencies through which the equipment and supplies received in India through the United Nations Children's Fund in each year from 1953 onwards were distributed in each State?

THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (RAJ-KUMARI AMRIT KAUR): Equipment and supplies received in India through the United Nations Children's Fund, for the States, are given to the respective State Governments who distribute them in such manner and through such agencies as they deem fit.

#### RESERVE STOCK AND IMPORT OF RICE

17. SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of rice kept at present as reserve;

(b) the quantity of rice proposed to be purchased from Burma in the year 1957; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to purchase rice from any other country this year; and, if so, from which countries and in what quantities?

THE MINISTER FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI A. P. JAIN): (a) About 2 lakh tons.

(b) 5 lakh tons.

(c) The matter is under consideration, and no decision has yet been taken.