

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): (a) A statement showing the important items discussed at the meeting held on 28th November 1955 and the suggestions made by the Consultative Committee is appended. [See Appendix XIII, Annexure No. 38.]

(b) There has been no meeting of the Steering Committee since the meeting of the main Committee was held.

(c) The Study Group recommended a tonnage target of 1,045,000 gross registered tons at the end of the Second Plan period.

POULTRY DEVELOPMENT IN INDIA

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

(a) the location of the additional centres proposed to be opened under the Poultry Development Scheme; and

(b) the extent of foreign aid, if any, received in 1955 for poultry development in the country?

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

a) A statement is attached.

(b) Nil.

STATEMENT

Name of State	Additional centres
Ajmer	.. 3
Andamans	.. —
Andhra	.. 15
Assam	.. 13
Bhopal	.. 3
Bihar	.. 17
Bombay	.. 20
Coorg	.. 3
Delhi	.. 2
Himachal Pradesh	.. 3
Hyderabad	.. 12
Kashmir	.. 6

Kutch	..	.. 4
Madhya Bharat	..	.. 10
Madhya Pradesh	..	.. 15
Madras	..	.. 22
Manipur	..	.. 1
Mysore	..	.. 12
Orissa	..	.. 11
PEPSU	..	.. 6
Pondichery	..	.. 1
Punjab	..	.. 16
Rajasthan	..	.. 7
Saurashtra	..	.. 3
Travancore-Cochin	..	.. 18
Tripura	..	.. 4
Uttar Pradesh	..	.. 20
Vindhya Pradesh	..	.. 3
West Bengal	..	.. 17

TOTAL **267**

TRAINING IN SOIL CONSERVATION

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

(a) the number of trained personnel required in the country for soil conservation work; and

(b) the number of persons already trained in this respect?

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

(a) The total number of persons of all categories required by the end of the Second Five Year Plan is roughly estimated at 4,798 as shown below:—

	Period by the end of		
	1st & 2nd year	3rd year	4th & 5th year
Officers	76	147	218
Assistants	312	603	932
Sub-Assistants	1215	2430	3648
Total	1603	3180	4798

This is expected to be achieved by increased training facilities and providing for a larger number of persons to be trained

(b) 56 Officers and Assistants, 6 gazetted and 50 non-gazetted. In addition, 13 gazetted Officers under training will finish their course by the end of May 1956 and 67 non-gazetted officers will complete their training by the middle of August 1956.

NATIONAL HIGHWAYS PROGRAMME FOR THE SECOND FIVE YEAR PLAN

61. DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: Will the Minister for TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to paragraph 16 on page 51 of the Report of the Ministry of Transport for 1955-56 and state:

(a) the details of the works, the lists of which have been sent to the State Governments of Rajasthan and Madhya Bharat, in respect of which they have been asked to start preliminary investigations, etc., and

(b) the approximate time by which the final programme for the development of the National Highways during the second Five Year Plan period is going to be ready?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): (a) A statement is attached. [See Appendix XIII, Annexure No. 39.]

(b) By the end of September 1956.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF SUGARCANE TECHNOLOGISTS

62. MOULANA M. FARUQI: Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the main recommendations made by the International Society of Sugarcane Technologists at its Ninth Congress held in January-February 1956, for improving the quality and production of sugarcane and sugar; and

(b) whether any action has since been taken by Government in pursuance of those recommendations: if so what?

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

(a) The International Society of Sugarcane Technologists does not make recommendations for improving the sugar industry in any particular country. At the Congresses of the Society which are generally held every three years, scientific papers prepared by members on researches and developments made in various countries are discussed. Symposia are also held on more important problems facing the industry as a whole. At these Congresses a number of resolutions are also adopted recommending subjects for further study and measures considered necessary for bringing out improvements in the industry.

The resolutions adopted at the Ninth Congress of the Society held in India in January-February, 1956, related among other things, to world collection of sugarcane varieties, germ plasm and breeding, listing of sugarcane diseases of the world, and achieving uniformity in reporting factory data.

(b) (i) The Government have already taken action for expanding the collection of sugarcane varieties maintained at the Sugarcane Breeding Institute, Coimbatore. The Society has recognised this collection as one of the two outstanding world cane collections, the other being at Canal Point, Florida, U. S. A., maintained by the U. S. Deptt. of Agriculture.

(ii) A uniform system of chemical control and reporting of data for adoption by Indian factories is being prepared on the basis of the system approved at the 9th Congress of the Society.

(iii) Experts from India are collaborating with experts from other countries for compiling Technical Monographs on important Sugarcane Diseases and Pests of the world.