

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

(a) A three-year Scheme for assessing cost of cultivation of sugarcane in the factory zones in U.P., Bihar, Punjab, Pepsu, Bombay, Andhra and Madras was taken up by the Indian Central Sugarcane Committee in 1954. The enquiry in the selected areas is expected to be completed only by April 1957.

(b) Does not arise.

#### DISTRIBUTION OF SEEDS TO DEFICIT STATES

32. SHRI VIJAY SINGH: Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to paragraph 24 at page 10 of the report of the Ministry of Food and Agriculture for the year 1954-55 and state the State-wise figures of the distribution of Kharif and Rabi seeds to the deficit States?

THE MINISTER FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI A. P. JAIN): State-wise figures of procurement and distribution of seeds are not available. The state-wise break-up of allocation of Kharif and Rabi seeds is, however, as in the statement attached. [Vide Appendix XI, Annexure No. 14(a).]

#### LEGISLATION FOR RINDERPEST CONTROL

33. SHRI VIJAY SINGH: Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 31 in the House on the 18th August 1955 and state:

(a) whether Government have sent to the State Governments any draft of the legislation regarding compulsory vaccination and branding of animals as recommended by the Rinderpest Control Committee for enactment by the State Legislatures;

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, whether Government will place a copy of the draft on the Table of the House; and

(c) how many States have enacted such legislation so far?

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

(a) Yes.

(b) A copy of the model bill and the amendments suggested has been placed in the Library of the House.

(c) Sixteen States have enacted the Animal Contagious Diseases Act so far. Of these one State has made provision for compulsory vaccinations and branding, and another State for compulsory vaccinations only.

#### CENTRAL LOAN FOR AGRICULTURAL COLLEGES

34. SHRI VIJAY SINGH: Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to his reply to Starred Question No. 123 answered in the House on the 23rd August 1955 and state:

(a) which of the States have asked for loan from the Centre for the establishment of Agricultural Colleges;

(b) the amount of the loan, if any, that has been given to the Rajasthan Government; and

(c) whether the college at Udaipur has begun to function and if so, how many students there are in this college?

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

(a) None of the State Governments have so far approached the Government of India for loan.

(b) Nil.

(c) Yes, the college started functioning in August 1955 with 33 students.

#### PRICE OF TUBEWELLS

35. SHRI VIJAY SINGH: Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

be pleased to refer to the 'folder' concerning tubewells issued by his Ministry, wherein the price per tubewell constructed through contractors is stated to be Rs. 29,000 for a standard well of 300 ft. depth, including pumping set transformer and switchgear, and state the price of a similar well together with such accessories constructed departmentally?

**THE MINISTER FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI A. P. JAIN):** The cost of a tubewell constructed departmentally varies from State to State, but generally the cost of a standard tubewell of 300 feet depth, including pumpset, transformer and switchgear is of the order of Rs. 21,000. The price of Rs. 29,000 for construction by contractors was only in respect of T.C.M. Programme 1952. Under T.C.M. Programme 1953 the cost was Rs. 26,100 as mentioned elsewhere in the 'folder' on tubewells. This was further reduced to Rs. 23,000 under G.M.F. Programme 1954.

#### GROW MORE SUGAR-CANE CAMPAIGN

36. **SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY:** Will the Minister for Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent so far on the Grow More Sugar-cane Campaign; and

(b) the results achieved thereby?

**THE MINISTER FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI A. P. JAIN):** (a) A campaign for intensive manuring of sugar-cane crop was launched by the Central Government in the middle of 1954 in sugar factory areas of U.P., Bihar and Punjab. An expenditure of Rs. 2.2 lakhs was incurred during 1954-55 on account of publicity, special staff and free supply of fertilizer for demonstration. Encouraged by the results, the campaign is being repeated in the current year in factory areas of U.P., Bihar, Punjab, Pepsu, Madhya Bharat, Bombay, Madras, Andhra, Hyderabad and Mysore. The expenditure in the cur-

rent year is estimated at Rs. 1 lakh. No free supply of fertilizers for demonstration is being made this year.

(b) An area of 1.8 lakh acres was topdressed with ammonium sulphate in 1954 and the average yield in this area improved by about 30 per cent. During the current year the campaign has so far covered an area of about 7 lakh acres, but the results in terms of yields will be known only after the harvesting season is over.

#### IMPORT OF RAILWAY WAGONS FROM POLAND

37. **SHRI M. VALIULLA:** Will the Minister for Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether orders for the delivery of 2,600 wagons to India before October 1956 have been placed with Poland;

(b) if so, what is the price to be paid for each wagon; and

(c) what is the cost of a similar wagon manufactured in India, Canada and France?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN):** (a) Yes.

(b) The landed cost per wagon in India will be about Rs. 13,664.

(c) The cost of a similar type of wagon manufactured in India is about Rs. 11,000. No order for similar type of wagons has been placed either in Canada or France.

#### 'SLUMBERETTES' ON AIR INDIA INTERNATIONAL AEROPLANES

38. **SHRI M. VALIULLA:** Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Air India International provides 'Slumberettes' for first class passengers on its air services;

(b) if so, whether any extra charge is made for providing this convenience; and