

(b) The estimated expenditure upto end of March, 1953 is Rs. 5,95,000 of which Rs. 3,74,000 is for capital items.

(c) During the current Rabi a total area of 2,316 acres has been reclaimed of which 1,376 acres have been sown with wheat. The crop is normal and a yield of 400 tons is expected. The establishment of the farm has helped in resettling displaced families. It is proposed to expand the farm by another 5,000 acres in each of the years 1953-54 and 1954-55 bringing the total area to 12,000 acres in the course of three years. During the next Kharif it is proposed to grow paddy in the reclaimed land.

SHRI B. RATH: How many tractors have been used in reclaiming these 2,000 acres and for what periods?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: Subject to correction, I think we have 14 tractors on the farm and they have been used to the utmost possible capacity.

SHRI B. RATH: For how many months were they in use for reclaiming the lands?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: The first furrow was drawn on the 25th September and they have been in use uptil now. I think the total reclaimed area comes to about 3,000 acres.

SHRI GOVINDA REDDY: Has this farming been done by the Department or by the displaced persons who are settled there?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: The position is that the farm is a Government farm. We have been employing some of these persons but the existence of this farm has given such confidence to the displaced persons that they are coming up and trying to cultivate their own land by the side of this farm.

SHRI GOVINDA REDDY: Is any attempt being made to organize Co-operative Societies among the settlers there?

SHRI B. RATH: What is the daily average ....

MR. CHAIRMAN: Look here, Mr. Rath.....

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: That is the business of the Jammu and Kashmir Government.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes, what is it Mr. Rath?

SHRI B. RATH: Sir, I want to know what is the daily average area reclaimed by each tractor.

MR. CHAIRMAN: He asks, "What is the daily average area reclaimed by each tractor?" You mentioned only 14 tractors from September 1952 up-to-date. Now you have to work out the mathematical sum and find the average.

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: I would require notice, Sir.

SHRI B. RATH: Therefore I shall put it as a specific question.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Next.

SHRI V. K. DHAGE: Question No. 296.

MR. CHAIRMAN: No, Dr. Gour is absent. We will take it at the end.

(Dr. P. S. Deshmukh rose.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: No, no. Next. That also at the end, if we have time.

\*296 & \*297. [The questioner, Shri R. B. Gour, was absent.]

#### AGREEMENT BETWEEN INDIA AND U.S.A. FOR PURCHASE OF AEROPLANES

\*298 SHRI M. VALIULLA: Will the Minister for COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state whether there is any agreement between the Government of India and the Government of the United States of America that the Government of India should purchase aeroplanes from the United States of America?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): No. Sir.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: How many planes have been purchased from the United States of America?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: We do purchase them from wherever we find it economical to buy and where our other conditions are also satisfied. For example we have entered into a contract for the purchase of two super-constellations with the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation of the U.S.A.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Are any purchase made from countries other than the U.S.A.?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: Yes.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Are they purchased from Russia?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: Not so far.

SHRI RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: Does the answer relate to the civilian planes or the military aeroplanes?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: I could not hear, Sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Does the answer relate to civilian aeroplanes or to military aeroplanes?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: I speak essentially on the civilian aeroplanes.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You are not "Defence."

SHRI K. C. GEORGE: What is the total number purchased in 1952-53?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: It is a long list and.....

MR. CHAIRMAN: Give the total number.

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: Even that is fairly big, because there are various categories into which the total has been divided.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Add them up.

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: The Government of India purchased 58 "aircraft" of different types, the State Governments purchased 9, air transport companies 65, flying clubs 35 and private individuals as many as 97, the grand total being 264.

SHRI K. C. GEORGE: How many of these were bought from the United States of America?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: It will not be possible for me to say now how many of them were bought from the U.S.A. We have got them from various countries, e.g. France, Canada, the United Kingdom and also the U.S.A.

SHRI B. RATH: How are the planes purchased by the Central Government put to use?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: It is common knowledge—they are used for flying.

SHRI C. G. K. REDDY: Flying whom?

SHRI ABDUL RAZAK: May I know whether the Government of India have recovered the plane lost in Pakistan by the erstwhile Government of Travancore?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: I am not aware.

#### SCHEME FOR WELFARE OF PLANTATION LABOUR FINANCED BY CENTRAL TEA BOARD

\*299. SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR: Will the Minister for LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) how the amount secured from the Central Tea Board for the welfare of plantation labour in 1951-52 was utilised by the different State Governments;

(b) what were the schemes that were drawn up for the welfare of the