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(iii) how many demonstration farms are in existence in such mahals of each district in the province;

(iv) how many seed depôts exist in such mahals;

(v) what improvements, if any, regarding education and agriculture Government have made in such mahals of each district since their constitution and particularly of the district of Shahabad?

(b) Will Government be pleased to state if there is any occupancy right in khasmahals particularly in the Shahabad district?

(c) Will Government be pleased to give a comparative table showing the rate of rental in the khasmahals, rate of rent in the adjoining lands in each district of Bihar and Orissa and particularly in the Shahabad district?

Mr. R. E. RUSSELL: (a) (i) 333 in all.

(ii) Government have not got the information.

(iii) Two farms at Netarhat and Khurda. One farm at Ranchi is projected. There are 313 demonstration plots in khasmahal villages.

(iv) There are no departmental seed depôts. There are grain golas in some khasmahals.

(v) Government have not got the information.

(b) The rights in agricultural land are governed by the Tenancy Acts in force in each district.

(c) Government have not got the information.

RAIYATI SETTLEMENTS IN THE RAMGARH ESTATE.

21.. Babu KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY: Will Government be pleased to place on the table a statement showing—

(a) the names of the villages in which raiyati settlements have been made by the Ramgarh estate during the last seven years,

(b) the persons with whom such settlements have been made,

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(c) the place of residence of such persons,

(d) their occupations,

(e) the reason why settlement could not be made with the people of the village?

Mr. R. E. RUSSELL : Government are not prepared to undertake the labour and expense which would be necessary to collect and print the voluminous information necessary to furnish details of all raiyati settlements for a period of seven years in an estate covering over 4,400 square miles.

* Babu KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY : May I know whether the information sought in the question is not available in the office of the Ramgarh wards estate?

Mr. R. E. RUSSELL : It could possibly be compiled but the labour involved in doing so would be enormous. There are thousands of villages and lakhs of tenants and the information is required for seven years. The number of entries to be copied alone from the registers would run into thousands and I submit that it is unreasonable to expect Government to go to the expense of printing hundreds of pages of such information.

Babu KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY : Could Government give us any idea as to the number of new settlements made?

Mr. R. E. RUSSELL : None at all.

Babu KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY : Are Government in a position to refer me to any public document where I can get this information?

Mr. R. E. RUSSELL : No, Sir.

UTILIZATION OF THE SURPLUS INCOME OF THE RAMGARH WARDS ESTATE.

22. Babu KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY : Will Government be pleased to give a complete statement explaining in detail how the surplus of the income of the Ramgarh estate has been spent—

(a) on the purchase of landed property,

(b) on the maintenance in an efficient condition of the estate's buildings and other immoveable properties,