आफिसर्स जाते हैं, देखते हैं और इंटरब्यू वग़ैरह होता है तो उसमें वह खुद जाते हैं और इस तरह इनके लिए प्रयत्न कर रहे हैं।

श्री ओंकार लाल बेरवा: मैंने पूछा दिल्ली का और बतला रहे हैं बम्बई का। मैंने यह पूछा था कि इनके प्रशिक्षण के लिए. इनको रोजगार का काग सिखाने के लिए, जैसे बढ़ई का काम है, बुनाई है यह सब सिखाने के लिए सरकार क्या काम कर रही है? कितनी ऐसी शिक्षण संस्थाएं हैं?

श्री भागवत भा आजाद: यह प्रश्न कृपा कर आप सोशल वेलफेयर डिपार्टमेंट से करिए। वह इसका उत्तर देंगे। यह काम हमारे विभाग का नहीं है।

श्री ओंकार लाल बेरवा: सोशल वेलफेयर क्या करेगा ?

श्री भागवत का आजाद : उनसे पूछिये, वह बतलायेंगे ।

F. A. O. Seminar in Manila

*1462. SHRI D. N. PATODIA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICUL-TURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it a fact that the recent Food and Agriculture Organisation Seminar at Manila has revealed that there is likely to be a surplus of rice in Asia this year; and
- (b) whether the above trend in production is likely to affect the price of rice now being imported by India and if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRICUL-TURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) and (b). The discussions at the 13th Session of the F.A.O. Study Group on Rice held at Manila from 20-27th March, 1969, indicated that in Asia, better harvests have been reaped during 1968 in most of the importing and exporting countries. As a consequence, India is currently importing rice at a price considerably lower than last year.

SHRID. N. PATODIA: As a result of the rice crop throughout the world having increased will the supply of rice be in excess of world demand? I would like to know what will the element of price advantage that our country will derive from out of it? In other words what were the import prices last year and what are the import prices we are having to pay now for the Rice?

SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE: Regarding the first part of the hon. Member's question, that stage of world surplus has not come so far. And, as far as Price is concerned, I don't think, I should go into the question of prices of individual countries. That is not in our interest.

SHRI D. N. PATODIA: What would be the likely shortage in India compared to demand and what is the programme for import?

SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE: Our imports are upto 4 to 5 lakh tonnes. Depending upon production, we will be in a position to manage with imports of this size.

Import of Tractors

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*1468. SHRI DEVEN SEN: SHRI D. R. PARMAR: SHRI P. N. SOLANKI: SHRI KIKAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRI-CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of the countries from which tractors were imported during the year 1968 together with the number of tractors imported from each country;
- (b) what was the price of the said tractors and the price at which they were sold to the users; and
- (c) what is the number of tractors proposed to be imported this year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) to (c), A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the Sabha.