

certain serious shortcomings in the distribution of sugar for the last two months; and

(b) if so, the broad features thereof and the action taken to relieve the position?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri C. Subramaniam):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Corporation for Development of Tourism**

- \*51. {  
 Shri Rameshwar Tantia:  
 Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:  
 Shri Bishanchander Seth:  
 Shri B. P. Yadava:  
 Shri Dhaon:  
 Shri Surendra Pal Singh:  
 Shri D. C. Sharma:  
 Shri M. L. Dwivedi:  
 Shrimati Savitri Nigam:  
 Shri S. C. Samanta:  
 Shri Subodh Hansda:  
 Shri Hem Raj:  
 Shri Sham Lal Saraf:  
 Shri P. E. Chakraverti:  
 Shri K. C. Pant:

Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering a plan to establish a Corporation to develop tourism in the country;

(b) if so, the broad features thereof; and

(c) the stage at which the matter stands at present?

**The Minister of Transport (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) to (c). On the basis of a recommendation made by the Ad Hoc Committee on Tourism, it has been decided to set up corporations under the Indian Companies Act for handling various activities of a commercial and quasi-commercial nature connected with tourism. The preliminary details regarding the scope and functions and the financial estimates of the proposed corporations have been worked out and after they have been finalised, it is expected that the corporations will be set up before the end of this year.

**Prices of Mustard Seeds and Oil**

- \*52. {  
 Dr. Saradish Roy:  
 Shri Dinen Bhattacharya:  
 Dr. Ranen Sen:  
 Shri Sarkar Murmu:  
 Shri Vishram Prasad:  
 Shri S. M. Banerjee:  
 Shrimati Renu Chakravarty:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the price of mustard seeds in U.P. and Punjab has boosted up recently;

(b) whether it is also a fact that as a result thereof the price of mustard oil has gone up in eastern States; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to check the rise in price?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri C. Subramaniam):** (a) Prices of mustard seeds have, of late risen in U.P. and Punjab as well as in other States.

(b) Prices in the Eastern States have risen in sympathy with the upward trend in other States including U.P. and Punjab.

(c) The steps taken by the Government are: tightening of margin requirements on advances by scheduled banks, banning of forward trading and restricting the exports of oilseeds and vegetable oils.

**Old Age Pension Scheme**

- \*53. {  
 Shri Surendrapal Singh:  
 Shri Nambiar:  
 Dr. Saradish Roy:  
 Shri P. Kumbhar:  
 Shri M. N. Swamy:  
 Shri Yashpal Singh:  
 Shrimati Savitri Nigam:  
 Shri M. L. Dwivedi:  
 Shri S. C. Samanta:  
 Shri D. C. Sharma:  
 Shri Solanki:  
 Shri Narasimhan Reddy:  
 Shri P. K. Deo:  
 Shri Subodh Hansda:  
 Shri Bagri:

Will the Minister of Social Security be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a rethinking on the part of the Government of India regarding the introduction of Old Age Pension Scheme;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the delay in the introduction of this scheme; and

(c) the areas which are likely to be covered by this scheme?

**The Minister of Law and Social Security (Shri A. K. Sen):** (a) to (c). No. The entire question of evolving a proper and practicable scheme of Old Age Pension is under study. It is expected that the matter will be finalised early.

#### Nitrogenous Fertilizers for Farmers

- \*54. { Shri D. C. Sharma:  
Shri Rameshwar Tantia:  
Shri B. P. Yadava:  
Shri Dhaon:  
Shrimati Savitri Nigam:  
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:  
Shri S. C. Samanta:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to subsidise the sale of nitrogenous fertilizers to farmers as one of the measures to boost food production in the country; and

(b) if so, the broad outlines of the proposal?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri C. Subramaniam):** (a) and (b). The question of effecting reduction in the prices of nitrogenous Pool fertilizers is reviewed from time to time. In pursuance of this policy, the prices of all the nitrogenous fertilizers supplied by the Central Fertilizers Pool were reduced in December, 1961. Subsequently, in order to boost the consumption of calcium Ammonium Nitrate and Urea the price of the former was further reduced by Rs. 32.00 per tonne from 5th October, 1962 and that of the latter was reduced by Rs. 100.00 per tonne from 1st January, 1964.

#### गन्ने के मूल्य

- \*55. { श्री प्रकाशवीर शास्त्री :  
श्री यशपाल सिंह :  
श्री जगदेव सिंह सिद्धांती :  
श्री प्र० चं० बरघना :  
श्री म० सा० जाधव :

क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या गन्ने के मूल्य बढ़ाने के लिये राज्य सरकारों द्वारा भेजे गये अध्यादेशन पर सरकार ने अन्तिम निर्णय कर लिया है ;

(ख) केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा निश्चित किये गये मूल्यों के परिणामस्वरूप गन्ने तथा चीनी के उत्पादन पर जो विपरीत प्रभाव पड़ेगा उससे बचने के लिये क्या कोई कार्यवाही विचाराधीन है ;

(ग) क्या बिहार तथा उत्तर प्रदेश के प्रतिरिक्त अन्य किन्हीं राज्य सरकारों ने भी गन्ने की कीमत बढ़ाने के सम्बन्ध में केन्द्रीय सरकार को लिखा है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो उन्होंने क्या विशेष कारण बताये हैं ?

खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री (श्री चि० सुब्रह्मण्यम) : केन्द्रीय सरकार ने 9.4 प्रतिशत और इससे कम की उपलब्धि तथा प्रत्येक 0.1 प्रतिशत की प्रतिरिक्त उपलब्धि पर 4 पैसे प्रति क्विन्टल की दर से बढ़ात देने की व्यवस्था के साथ, गन्ने का न्यूनतम मूल्य 4.96 पैसे प्रति क्विन्टल घोषित किया है। कुछ मामलों में इस मूल्य में कारखानों से गन्ने के अनुचित मोड़ को रोकने के लिये परिशोधन किया जा सकता है।

(ख) यह सेन आयोग के विचारार्थ विषय में है।

(ग) जी, नहीं।

(घ) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता।