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#### **Employees of Food Department**

\*1467. **Shri S. M. Banerjee:**  
**Shri Mohammad Elias:**  
**Shri Daji:**  
**Shri Indrajit Gupta:**  
**Shri Buta Singh:**

Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to refer to the statement made in reply to the Calling Attention Notice on the 11th April, 1966 and state the further progress made in drawing up the procedure, the terms and conditions for the absorption of the employees of the Department of Food by the Food Corporation of India?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Govinda Menon): The matter is still under consideration.

#### **Agricultural Production**

\*1468. **Shri Chandak:** Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a co-ordination amongst the various Departments concerning the different aspects of agriculture to increase food production;

(b) whether Government follow the modern method of soil and land use survey; and

(c) if so, to what extent as compared to U.S.A. and U.S.S.R.

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Shyam Dhar Misra): (a) Yes, Sir. Such coordination is ensured at the highest level through a Committee of the Cabinet on Food and Agriculture which deals *inter-alia* with all problems relating to agricultural production,

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) Our soil survey technique has been evolved after a careful study of the scientific knowledge available in the various developed and advanced countries, with special reference to those countries which have soil problems akin to ours.

#### **U.S. Participation in Agro-Industries in Private Sector**

\*1469. **Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) the details and the frame-work of the reported incentives offered by Government to the American private enterprise to participate in the country's agro-industries; and

(b) the response from the American entrepreneurs to this offer?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Shyam Dhar Misra): (a) No specific incentives have been offered to American private enterprise for participation in the country's agro-industries.

(b) Does not arise.

#### **Minimum Support Prices of Food-grains**

\*1470. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Agricultural Prices Commission has been able to evolve an appropriate criteria for fixing minimum support prices of cereals such as wheat, rice, gram etc. for 1966-67 season;

(b) if so, what they are; and

(c) whether the minimum price of these foodgrains has been fixed?