

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो उसका व्योरा क्या है; और

(ग) अमरीका से कितनी सहायता मिलने की आशा है ?

खाद्य, कृषि, सामुदायिक विकास तथा सहकार मंत्रालय में उपमन्त्री (श्री ध्यामधर मिश्र) : (क) कृषि उत्पादन की वृद्धि के उपाय तथा नीति के सम्बन्ध में आगामी पाँच वर्षों में इस कार्यक्रम के लिए अमरीका जिन तरीकों से सहायता करेगा उन सब पर विचार विमर्श हुआ।

(ख) व्योरे पर विचार-विमर्श नहीं हुआ। "कृषि कार्यक्रम का पुनर्निर्धारण" नामक लेखात्र द्वारा नीति तथा कृषि उत्पादन सम्बन्धी कार्यक्रम 29-11-65 को संसद् सदस्यों के पास भेज दिए गए हैं।

(ग) अमरीका सरकार ने अभी कोई संकेत नहीं दिया है।

Pacific Area Travel Association Conference

*403. Shri Sham Lal Saraf:
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:
Shri S. L. Verma,

Will the Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism be pleased to state:

Whether the Pacific Area Travel Association that met in a Conference, in Delhi, in January, 1966, has recommended that to facilitate tourism, tourists may be given visas without delay or in the alternative their entry into this country may be considered to be permitted on production of identity cards, and, if so, the action taken thereon by Government.

The Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism (Shri Sanjiva Reddy): No, Sir, the Pacific Area Travel Association has not recommended that an identity card should be regarded as an adequate travel

document for entry into India. They have recommended several other measures to facilitate tourist movement including issuance of visas without delay.

Contesting of Elections

*404. Shrimati Ramdulari Sinha: Will the Minister of Law be pleased to state the steps being taken to eliminate the chances of contests in the Elections by too many candidates in the light of the recommendations made in the Report of Election Commission on the Third General Elections?

The Minister of Law (Shri G. S. Pathak): Government have considered the recommendations of the Election Commission for eliminating or substantially reducing the multiplicity of candidates at elections and have decided not to take any steps in this behalf.

Prospects of Rabi Crop (1966)

*405. Shri R. Ramanathan Chettiar: Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent rains in some parts of the country improved the prospects of the rabi crops; and

(b) if so, to what extent?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Shyam Dhar Misra): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is not possible at this stage to give any quantitative estimate of the improvement in likely production of rabi crops as a result of recent rains.