

**Cooperation** be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 358 on the 9th August, 1966 and state:

(a) whether the net profit realised by the Apex Marketing Society of Madhya Pradesh as a result of the sale of *Gulabi Chana* has been ascertained;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount that has been passed on to the actual cultivators?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Shyam Dhar Misra):** (a) As the whole stock has not been sold, the profit and loss account has yet to be prepared.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

#### National Forest Policy

**\*293. Shri Sham Lal Saraf:** Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been contemplating to re-orientate and formulate a new national forest policy for sometime past; and

(b) if so, when and the broad details thereof?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib P. Shinde):** (a) Government have not been contemplating to reorientate and formulate a new National Forest Policy in the recent past.

(b) Question does not arise.

#### Price of Raw Jute

**\*294. Shri Surendranath Dwivedy:**  
**Shri Hem Barua:**  
**Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:**  
**Shri Nath Pal:**

Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken

any steps to assure profitable price for raw jute to jute-growers and what is the prevailing price in Orissa;

(b) the target for the year 1965-66 for Orissa vis-a-vis actual production figures;

(c) whether it is a fact that in vast jute-growing areas, no jute was cultivated because of lack of rains in Orissa; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken to assure them water supply?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Shyam Dhar Misra):** (a) Keeping in view the rising cost of Jute cultivation and other factors, the Government of India have raised the minimum support prices of raw jute (basis Assam Bottom f.o.b. Calcutta) from Rs. 80.37 to Rs. 93.77 per quintal. The derivative prices for other grades and varieties are being worked out. The market price of Jute at Danpur in Orissa was Rs. 121 per quintal for bottom grade in the last week of October, 1966.

lakh bales

(b) Production Target: 6.61

Actual Production: 1.88

(c) Yes.

(d) A number of irrigation projects have been undertaken by the Orissa Government. It is proposed to bring about 2.98 lakh acres of jute area under irrigation during the Fourth Plan, as against the present 60,000 acres of jute area under irrigation in the State.

#### दिल्ली में सूना बन्दरगाह

**\*295. श्री शिंदे :**

**श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय :**

क्या परिवहन, उड्डयन, नौवहन तथा पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली के यूनाइटेड चेम्बर एसोसियेशन ने सरकार से

अनुरोध किया है कि दिल्ली को सूखा पतन घोषित घोषित किया जाये ; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो इस सम्बन्ध में सरकार को क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

**परिवहन, उड्डयन, नौहन तथा पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री संजीव रेड्डी) :**

(क) और (ख). दिल्ली को सूखा पतन घोषित करने के लिये परिवहन तथा विमानन मंत्रालय को दिल्ली के यूनाइटेड चैम्बर ऑफ़ शिपिंग में कोई सुझाव प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है। परन्तु नार्थ इंडिया रीजनल एक्सपॉर्ट प्रमोशन एंडाइनरी कमीटी द्वारा इस विषय में दिया गया सुझाव वाणिज्य मंत्रालय के अधीन है।

#### **Floating of a Shipping Company in U.K. by Dr. Dharma Teja**

\*296. **Shri Umanath:** Will the Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of any proposal of Dr. Dharma Teja of the Jayanti Shipping Company to float a shipping company in United Kingdom;

(b) if so, the names of the partners in the proposed Company;

(c) whether it is a fact that he was holding an Indian Passport while making this deal on the proposed new Shipping Company; and

(d) if so, the action taken by Government in the matter?

**The Minister of Transport, Aviation, Shipping and Tourism (Shri Sanjiva Reddy):** (a) to (d). Apart from a newspaper report, Government are not aware of such a proposal. The matter is however being enquired into.

#### **Land Development Banks**

\*297. **Shri P. R. Chakraverti:**  
**Shri H. C. Linga Reddy:**

Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose

to revise the credit policy of Land Development Banks to make it an effective instrument of serving agricultural production programmes;

(b) the possibilities of extending credit to farmers not only for land development but also to enable them to acquire ownership of land;

(c) the further steps being taken to facilitate the easy flow of rural credit; and

(d) how far the Agricultural Refinance Corporation has been able to tackle the purpose for which it had been set up three years earlier?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Shyam Dhar Misra):** (a) and (b). State Government have already been advised to make the lending policies of land development banks production-oriented and many of the banks have progressively done so and reduced their lendings for non-productive purposes. In view of shortage of resources and the over-riding priority of production programmes, the possibilities of providing substantial credit for acquisition of ownership of land are limited.

(c) Support is being provided by Government to Land Development Banks for raising resources for their lending programme. Government are also helping these banks to open more branches/primary units with subsidy for managerial and supervisory staff etc., so that they can render better service to the agriculturists by expeditious scrutiny and sanction of loans.

(d) By and large, the Agricultural Refinance Corporation has been able to fulfil the object for which it was established. It has only started tackling the problems. The impact to be felt will require more time.