

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) Yes.

(b) A list is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 22.]

Shri S. N. Das: What is the total acreage of land covered by this intensive cultivation throughout the country?

Shri Kidwai: The total is in the statement itself.

Shri S. N. Das: I want the total acreage throughout the country covering all the States.

Shri Kidwai: The question was confined only to Bihar and therefore I have not got the all-India figures.

Shri S. N. Das: What percentage of the total funds allotted for the Grow More Food Campaign will be diverted to these areas and what percentage to the other areas?

Shri Kidwai: The funds are allotted to the States and it is for them to decide in what particular area the money is to be spent.

Shri S. N. Das: May I know whether any conditions are laid down which the cultivators in these areas will have to fulfil if they apply for these funds?

Shri Kidwai: It is for the State Governments to decide whether they should lay down any conditions or whether they are satisfied that such conditions are unnecessary.

SUGAR MILLS

*517. **Shri S. C. Samanta:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) how many sugar mills there are in India (State by State);

(b) whether Government propose to set up or encourage the setting up of any sugar factory in West Bengal in the near future; and

(c) the amount of production of sugar-cane and sugar in the State of West Bengal in the year 1951-52?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): (a) A statement giving the required information is placed on the Table of the House. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 23.]

(b) The matter is under consideration.

(c) The estimated production of sugarcane during 1951-52 in the State

of West Bengal is 85,000 tons in terms of gur. The quantity of sugar produced in that State during 1951-52 amounted to 7157 tons.

Shri S. C. Samanta: The statement says that there are three sugar mills in West Bengal. May I know the location of these three mills?

Shri Kidwai: I think the hon. Member knows better than I do.

Shri S. C. Samanta: What is the number of proposed new sugar mills in West Bengal, since the hon. Minister's reply to part (b) was that the matter was under consideration?

Shri Kidwai: Different proposals have been received from the State as to where new factories are to be established but the matter has not yet been decided as to whether we require more mills or the present mills alone will suffice for our purposes.

Shri S. C. Samanta: With reference to part (c) of the question, may I know how far in West Bengal the supply of gur and sugar falls short of the demand?

Shri Kidwai: They have always imported them from other parts of the country into West Bengal. As to what is the exact quantity consumed and what is the quantity suspected to be smuggled to East Bengal I am not able to say.

Shri B. S. Murthy: What is the additional acreage brought under sugarcane cultivation during 1951-52?

Shri Kidwai: The question did not relate to that. I think the additional acreage brought under sugarcane cultivation during the last two years is 25 per cent. in excess of the previous acreage.

Shri K. K. Basu: May I know whether any of the sugar factories in India utilise the by-products?

Shri Kidwai: Some of it is being utilised.

Shri K. K. Basu: What is the number of factories utilising it?

Shri Kidwai: Power alcohol is manufactured in several places but since this question did not relate to that subject, I have not got that information.

TUNG TREES

*518. **Shri S. C. Samanta:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state: