

made recently about losses of all agricultural crops in terms of money on account of crop diseases and crop pests throughout the country;

(b) if so, the losses in terms of money for the years 1964-65, 1965-66 and 1966-67?

(c) how much amount has actually been spent by Central and State Governments during the Third Five Year Plan, year-wise to eradicate these diseases; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to prevent these losses in future?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasaheb Shinde): (a) and (b). Precise statistics on the losses caused by plant pests and diseases are not available. However, it is estimated that about 20 per cent of the total agricultural produce is lost annually due to pests and diseases etc.

(c) The figures of actual expenditure (Plan) on Plant Protection by States and Centre are as under:—

Year	Expenditure (Rs. in lakhs)
1961-62	164.619
1962-63	178.782
1963-64	265.157
1964-65	424.200 (approximately)
1965-66	424.208 (approximately)

(d) A number of steps are being taken to reduce losses to agricultural crops and commodities from pests, diseases and weeds. The important ones are:—

(1) Making available plant protection inputs like pesticides and application equipment in adequate quantities to the cultivators.

(2) Strengthening of State Plant Protection Organisations.

(3) Training of Extension staff and farmers in Plant Protection Techniques and Methods.

(4) Mapping out endemic areas with a view to keeping the same under watch and instituting effective and timely control measures.

(5) Giving Central assistance to States in the control of epidemics, popularising prophylactic treatments of crops by laying out large scale demonstrations on the cultivators' field and organising anti rat campaigns.

(6) Realising the importance of intensifying plant protection work, physical target of 210 million acres for the Fourth Plan against an achievement of 41 million acres in the Third Plan has been fixed. For achieving the above target, increasing provisions of funds for plant protection activities has been made. The Fourth Five Year Plan envisages an investment of Rs. 326.52 crores in private sector and Rs. 33.57 crores in public sector (Centre Rs. 12.04 crores and States Rs. 21.53 crores) on plant protection schemes.

(7) Expanding of Central and State Warehousing Organisation so as to cover as large an area as possible to minimise losses to stored products.

(8) Strengthening the Aerial spraying facilities to cover larger areas with plant protection measures in a short period.

(9) Promoting contract spraying and dusting operations by private operators.

मध्य प्रदेश में नया सुपर बाजार

8309. श्री सा० सुन्दर लाल : क्या साद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश सरकार ने उस राज्य में एक नया सुपर बाजार खोलने के लिये

केन्द्र से अनुदान देने की प्रार्थना की है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

साध, कृषि, सामुदायिक विकास तथा सहकार मन्त्रालय में राज्य-मन्त्री (श्री एम० एस० गुरुबाबस्वामी): (क) और (ख). 1966-67 में मध्य प्रदेश सरकार से भोपाल, इन्दौर, जबलपुर, ग्वालियर तथा रायपुर में बहु-विभागी भण्डार स्थापित करने के लिये एक प्रस्ताव प्राप्त हुआ था। इस प्रस्ताव की जांच की गई थी और भोपाल, इन्दौर, जबलपुर, तथा ग्वालियर के लिये चार बहु-विभागी भण्डार मंजूर किए गए थे। इन में से पहले तीन बहु-विभागी भण्डारों ने काम करना शुरू कर दिया है और चौथे बहु-विभागी भण्डार के शीघ्र ही खोले जाने की आशा है। 1967-68 में मध्य प्रदेश सरकार से अपने यहां एक नया भुपर बाजार खोलने के लिए कोई प्रस्ताव प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है।

Central Warehouses in Madhya Pradesh

8310. Shri J. Sundar Lal: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state the expenditure incurred on the Central Warehouses in Madhya Pradesh annually?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): An Amount of approximately Rs. 2.43 lakhs has been spent on the running of the Central Warehouses in Madhya Pradesh during the year 1966-67.

Vana Mahotsava in Southern States

8312. Shri S. A. Agadi: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Vana Mahotsava celebrations are being conducted regularly in the Southern States of Mysore,

Madras and Andhra Pradesh every year;

(b) if so, since when and whether tamarind tree plantation has been included in the programme; and

(c) if so, the number of tamarind trees so planted by each of the Southern State, year-wise?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) to (c). Information is being collected from the States concerned and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha when received.

Price of Tamarind

8313. Shri S. A. Agadi: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the steep rise in price of tamarind in the Southern States of the country;

(b) if so, the percentage in rise in present price as compared to the prices prevailing during 1945-46;

(c) whether any efforts have been made for the plantation of tamarind trees in the Southern States; and

(d) if so, the number of tamarind trees so planted during the recent years upto date in Mysore, Madras and Andhra Pradesh?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No comparative data is available for comparing the present price with the prices that prevailed in 1945-46.

(c) and (d). The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha.