

बहुतांश उस राज्य द्वारा केन्द्रीय भण्डार में दी जाने वाली प्राप्ति मात्रा से अधिक है तो बिहार सरकार को खरीदने की प्रमति दे दी जायेगी।

(ग) जी नहीं।

(घ) अधिलेख राज्यों द्वारा सुलभ की जाने वाली खाद्यान्नों की मात्रा उनकी केन्द्र को प्राप्ति मात्रा से कोई विशेष ज्यादा नहीं होगी जिससे कमी वाले राज्यों की समस्या में खाद्यान्नों की दृष्टि से सुधार हो :

(ङ) और (च) निर्यातक राज्यों द्वारा दी जाने वाली खाद्यान्नों की मात्रा जो कि उनकी प्राप्ति मात्रा में फालतू है, के बताने के लिए प्रमति दी जाती है।

गंगे से खनी निकालना

3031. श्री रघुवीर सिंह शास्त्री :
 श्री प्रकाशश्री शर्मा :
 श्री शिव कुमार शर्मा :
 श्री रामाशरण शर्मा :
 श्री राम गोपाल शर्मा :
 श्री प्रकाश शर्मा :
 डॉ० सुब्रह्मण्यम सुरेश्वर :
 श्री प्रबल सिंह :

क्या यह तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि एक कृषि वैज्ञानिक ने गंगे से 25 प्रतिशत अधिक खनी निकालने की एक विधि निकाली है;

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

(ग) इस सम्बन्ध में सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

बाद, कृषि, सामुदायिक विकास तथा सहकार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री प्रमोद साहू शिन्डे) : (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) और (ग). प्रश्न ही नहीं उठते।

Food Subsidy to States

3032. Shri Jyotirmoy Basu: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount paid to different States as food subsidy during 1965-66 and 1966-67; and

(b) how much has been paid so far to different States under the heads (i) bonus to farmers, and (ii) food subsidies during this year?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) No food subsidy as such is paid to any State. Foodgrains are, however, being issued from the Central stocks to the different State Governments at subsidised rates at present.

(b) (i) No bonus has been paid to the farmers during this year so far.

(ii) Does not arise in view of the reply to part (a) of the Question.

Patna Airport

3033. Shri Yogendra Sharma:
 Shri Chandra Shekhar Singh:

Will the Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Patna airport is still unfit for landing of Viscounts and similar other planes;

(b) whether there had been a number of breakdowns in the Fokker and Viscount service due to this;

(c) whether Government have any proposal to develop and extend the Patna airport;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the estimated cost of the scheme?

The Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation (Dr. Karan Singh): (a) No, Sir. Patna aerodrome is fit for operation of the Viscount type of aircraft.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) to (e). As Patna aerodrome has already been made suitable for operations by the Viscount type aircraft, there is no proposal to undertake any further development work.

Desert Development Board

3034. Shri Vasudevan Nair: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Desert Development Board set up by Government has prepared any plan for the integrated development of the arid regions of Rajasthan, Gujarat and Punjab;

(b) if so, the main features thereof; and

(c) when the Plan is expected to be implemented?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) The Desert Development Board which has since been set up, has not yet started functioning in the absence of the Director, Desert Development Board and the Technical Officers who have yet to be appointed. Action to appoint these officers is being taken.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Mink Farming

3035. Shri S. C. Jha: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has asked the Government of United States of America for technical know-how for mink farming; and

(b) if so, what has been the response of the Government of U.S.A.?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Traffic Through Brahmaputra

3036. Shri Atam Das:
Shri Virendrakumar Shah:
Shri Yashpal Singh:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan has expressed her willingness to allow traffic between West Bengal and Assam through Brahmaputra River flowing through her territory; and

(b) if so, whether Pakistan has offered any guarantee for the safety of the Indian traders in this regard?

The Minister of Transport and Shipping (Dr. V. K. R. V. Rao): (a) No such proposal has been received by the Government of India from the Government of Pakistan expressing their willingness to allow resumption of river services on the Brahmaputra between West Bengal and Assam.

(b) Does not arise.

Central Grants to U.P.

3037. Shrimati Sushila Rohatgi: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the annual Central Grant for 1967-68 for Uttar Pradesh for fertilizer, minor irrigation and machinery and technical know-how; and

(b) how far the Central aid will meet the requirements submitted by the Uttar Pradesh Government?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasahib Shinde): (a) and (b). The Central grant for agricultural schemes in Uttar Pradesh during the 1967-68 has not been finalised so far.