

कांगड़ा उना अरबन कोआपरेटिव सोसायटी,
आर० के० पुरम, नई दिल्ली

1529. श्री भारत सिंह चौहान : क्या
खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे
कि :

(क) कांगड़ा उना अरबन कोआपरेटिव
सोसायटी, आर० के० पुरम, नई दिल्ली को कब
पंजीकृत किया गया था और इसके वर्तमान सदस्यों
की संख्या क्या है;

(ख) सहकारी समितियों के पंजीयक द्वारा
इस समिति को दिये गये अनुदान, सहायता तथा
ऋणों की कुल धनराशि कितनी है;

(ग) इस समिति द्वारा जनवरी, 1970 से
किस किस सदस्य को कितना-कितना ऋण स्वी-
कृत किया गया है और ऋण प्राप्त करने के
लिए कितने आवेदन-पत्र अभी विचाराधीन हैं;

(घ) क्या इस समिति के कर्मचारी सदस्य
स्वयं के लिए ही ऋण ले लेते हैं और अन्य दूसरे
सदस्यों को ऋण नहीं दिया जाता है; और

(ङ) यदि हाँ, तो क्या सरकार का विचार
इस मामले की जाँच कराने का है ?

खाद्य, कृषि, सामुदायिक विकास तथा
सहकार मंत्रालय में उप-मंत्री (श्री जगन्नाथ
पहाड़िया) : (क) पंजीयक, सहकारी समितियाँ,
दिल्ली द्वारा इस नाम की कोई भी समिति
पंजीकृत नहीं की गई है।

(ख) से (ङ). प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

**Abolition of Land Revenue on Uneconomic
Holdings in Union Territories**

1530. SHRI KEDAR NATH SINGH :
Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE
be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the proposals for scrap-
ping land revenue on uneconomic holdings of
small farmers in different Union Territories;
and

(b) Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE,
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND
COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB
SHINDE) : (a) and (b). Necessary infor-
mation is being collected and will be placed
on the Table of the House.

**Scheme for Conversion of Dry and
Desert Land in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar
and Rajasthan into Fertile Land**

1531. SHRI KEDAR NATH SINGH :
SHRI P. M. MEHTA :

Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE
be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have appointed
a study team to go into the question of mak-
ing dry and desert lands in Uttar Pradesh,
Bihar and Rajasthan fertile; and

(b) whether this team has visited some
foreign countries to study the methods em-
ployed for the purpose abroad, and if so,
which countries have been visited by them
and the details of any scheme drawn out for
converting the said desert areas into fertile
lands in the light of their study abroad ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE,
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND
COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB
SHINDE) : (a) and (b). The question of
formulation and implementation of suitable
schemes of lasting benefits in the arid and
semi-arid areas in the country has been un-
der the active consideration of the Govern-
ment of India for some time now. **No
special Study Team has been appointed
by the Government of India to go into
the question of making dry and desert
lands in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Rajas-
than fertile.**

2. The Indian Council of Agricultural

Research is, however, initiating a coordinated Research Project for Dry Land Agriculture at an estimated cost of Rs. 147.50 lakhs for a period of four years. The study under the scheme will pay special attention to water, harvesting, efficient use of stored water in soil, breeding drought resistant or escaping varieties of crops and agronomic practices suitable for low soil moisture conditions. It will have 15 main Centres, eight Sub-Centres representing different agro-climatic and soil conditions in India. In addition, a special Centre for undertaking fundamental studies on Plant Physiology as related to Dry Farming is provided under the scheme.

3. A scheme for Integrated Dry Land Agricultural Development has also been sanctioned for implementation during the Fourth Plan period. The total number of projects during the Fourth Plan period will be 24, but 9 projects being taken up during 1970-71 in Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Mysore, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh. These pilot projects will be located around main or subresearch centres of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research and will serve as Demonstration-cum-training projects.

4. So far as desert areas in Rajasthan, Gujarat and Haryana are concerned, pilot projects are also being taken up for their development on a long term basis, by undertaking works of soil conservation, minor irrigation, afforestation, pasture development, etc. The approach is to take up specified items of work, depending on the suitability of the area selected in compact and well defined areas. Schemes costing Rs. 115.70 lakhs have already been sanctioned in these three States.

5. A non-plan scheme with the objective of organising schemes of a long-term productive nature and also to provide remunerative work to rural labour in chronically drought affected areas so that emergent scarcity relief works are avoided after some years is being undertaken in the remaining four years of the Fourth Five Year Plan at a cost of Rs. 100.00 crores, 53 districts in 12 States including Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Rajasthan have been selected for implementation of this programme. A budget provision of Rs. 25.00

crores has been made for the current financial year for this programme.

Buffer Stock of Foodgrains

1532. SHRI SRADHAKAR SUPAKAR : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the total quantity of buffer stock of foodgrains created so far in this country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : The total physical stocks of foodgrains both with the Central and State Governments at the end of October, 1970 were about 4.5 million tonnes. Of these, about 3 million tonnes might be considered as buffer stock.

भारतीय खाद्य निगम के खाद्यान्नों की चोरी तथा बरबादी की जाँच

1533. श्री कंवर लाल गुप्त : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गत मास भारतीय खाद्य निगम के खाद्यान्नों की चोरी तथा बरबादी की मात्रा क्या है;

(ख) कितने व्यक्तियों के विरुद्ध कार्यवाही की गई है तथा ऐसे कितने मामले हैं जिनकी जाँच कराई जा रही है;

(ग) गत वर्ष लाने ले जाने में कितना अनाज चोरी गया अथवा बरबाद हुआ; और

(घ) भारतीय खाद्य निगम में ऐसे कितने कर्मचारी हैं जिनके विरुद्ध आरोप लगाये गये हैं और उनकी जाँच कराई जा रही है ?

खाद्य, कृषि, सामुदायिक विकास तथा सहकार मंत्रालय में राज्य-मंत्री (श्री अन्नासाहेब शिन्दे) : (क) से (घ). भारतीय खाद्य निगम से सूचना एकत्रित की जा रही है और सभापटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।