

(d) The recommendations of the Indian Sugarcane Development Council have been accepted by the Ministry and the State Governments advised accordingly.

**Export of Cinnamon from Manipur and its Price**

2411. SHRI M. MEGHACHANDRA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether large quantity of cinnamon is found in the forest of Manipur and the same is exported by private agencies outside Manipur for the last few years;

(b) if so, the price prevailing in the Indian market and the price as in Manipur; and

(c) whether the Government of Manipur has taken measures for profitable sale of this forest product ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) to (c). The Information is being collected from the concerned quarters and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

**Notification of Government Land through Employment Exchange**

2412 SHRI LOBO PRABHU : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state why should not Government land which is not taken up by local residents be notified through Employment Exchanges so that all Government land in all the States is distributed by the end of 1971 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : Agricultural land at the disposal of the Government are distributed through village panchayats or local officers who are considered competent to distribute such land equitably taking into account local conditions and needs of the beneficiaries.

**Proposal for Rajasthan Drought Relief Work**

2414. SHRI D. N. PATODIA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Rajasthan has submitted concrete proposals for assistance from the Central Government for drought relief work in the States; and

(b) if so, the nature of relief work proposed to be started by the State Government and the quantum of assistance sought and Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Rice Production**

2415. SHRI D. N. PATODIA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether more areas have been brought under rice cultivation;

(b) whether Government have made adequate arrangement for the supply of good quality seeds and manure for paddy cultivation;

(c) if so, the particulars of action taken in this regard; and

(d) the shortfall in the production of rice at present ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) Yes, Sir. During 1969-70 the total area under rice increased by about 0.7 million hectares over the area covered during 1968-69.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Adequate arrangements for the