

(c) the steps envisaged to eradicate malnutrition in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A variety of wheat known as 'Sharbati Sonora' has been released which has nearly 16% protein and relatively high content of lysine. A high lysine strain of maize has also been developed. Experimental investigations are in progress concerning genetic improvement of food grains for nutritional qualities. The programme is mainly in an experimental stage at present.

(c) While the basic need of good nutrition is sought to be met generally by the development of agricultural programmes along with animal husbandry and fisheries, special programmes are being developed for the eradication of malnutrition among certain vulnerable categories of the population comprising pre-school children and expectant and nursing mothers. The programmes include supplementary feedings, distribution of certain vitamins and other essential nutrients and fortification of foodstuffs along with nutrition education.

Formation of a Workers Union of Golden Tobacco Co., Bombay

2481 SHRI N. R. LASKAR : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Golden Tobacco Co., a family concern with assets over Rs. 12 crores, does not permit its workers in Bombay to form a Union;

(b) whether it is controlling these workers through indebtedness by giving them loans ; and

(c) whether Government undertake an examination of the wage structure and conditions of workers employed by Golden Tobacco Co. and relate these to other companies of comparable standing in Bombay ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND

REHABILITATION (SHRI D. SANJIV-AYYA) : (a) and (c). The matter falls in the State sphere.

Selection of Districts for Dry Farming in States and Union Territories

2482. SHRI HEM RAJ :
SHRI RAGHUVIR SINGH
SHASTRI :

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

(a) the names of the districts in each State and Union Territory which have been selected for dry farming; and

(b) the facilities that will be afforded to the farmers in the dry farming project areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) A statement indicating the names of the districts selected for the implementation of the Centrally Sponsored Schemes for Integrated Dry Land Agricultural Development is laid on the Table of the House. [*Placed in Library. See No. LT-4403/70*]

(b) Incentives in the form of subsidies and loans for inputs permanent works and infra-structural arrangements will be provided to the participating farmers as indicated in the Note laid on the Table of the House [*Placed in Library. See No. LT-4,03/70*]

Theft of Telegraph Wire in Districts of Farrukhabad and Kanpur

2483, SHRI JHARKHANDE RAI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the theft of telegraph wire is on the increase in the Districts of Farrukhabad and Kanpur in U. P.; and

(b) whether the communication system between these two districts was completely paralysed in the months April to June this year due to the theft of wire ?