

Matriculation Examination conducted by Central Board of H.S. Education through School of Correspondence Course

**5632. SHRI K. LAKKAPPA:
SHRI P. GANGADEB:**

Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Matriculation Examination conducted by the Central Board of Higher Secondary Education through the School of Correspondence Course has been started;

(b) whether hundreds of candidates have not received their admission cards in time for the examination;

(c) whether all the candidates had not received all the lessons for the subject they had offered; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI D. P. YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. According to the information furnished by the Delhi Administration, all the candidates had received their admission cards before the examination actually commenced on the 2nd March, 1973.

(c) No, Sir. Lessons were sent to all candidates on the addresses given by them.

(d) Does not arise.

Boosting of Seed Production for replanting in drought hit areas

5633. SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Seeds Corporation propose to boost seed production to replant the drought-hit

areas in the country and bring new areas under high-yielding varieties during 1973-74;

(b) if so, the areas that will be covered; and

(c) if so, to what extent the seed production is likely to be achieved by the programme during 1973-74?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE):

(a) to (c). The National Seeds Corporation had an additional seed production programme wherever possible in Rabi 1972-73 for making available larger quantities of seeds for 1973-74. A special hybrid sorghum seed production was taken up in summer 1973 over an area of 685 acres to produce 400 tonnes of additional seeds of CSH-I varies. The Corporation intends to take up during kharif 1973 a programme seed production of different crops as under:—

	Planned area in acres	Production in Quintals
Paddy	5400	58,000
Sorghum	3480	9,600
Maize	3640	24,000
Baira	6720	10,800

In addition to the N.S.C. there are a number of other seed producing agencies who are also taking up seed production programme to make available larger quantities of seeds to the farmers in 1973.