

estimated that the total area under alkali soils in the country is approximately 2.5 million ha. Out of this, Uttar Pradesh alone has nearly 0.9 million ha.; Punjab has 0.45 million ha.; and Haryana 0.35 million ha.; and the remaining 0.8 million hectares is distributed in other States.

No evidence is available to indicate that there has been any further increase in the areas under alkali soils.

(b) Yes, Sir.

The Department of Agriculture has taken up a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Pilot basis for reclamation of alkali soils during the current Five Year Plan. Under this, an allocation of Rs. 7½ crores has been made for reclaiming 64,000 ha. of alkali soils in the States of Uttar Pradesh, Punjab and Haryana. The programme has been undertaken in those areas where sufficient water of good quality is available on assured basis.

The Scheme provides for 50 per cent subsidy towards the cost of amendment material to small and marginal farmers having land holdings upto 3 ha. and 25 per cent subsidy to others. In addition, the State Governments are expected to provide 25 per cent subsidy from their own resources to both the above categories of farmers. The remaining cost of reclamation work will be borne by the farmers themselves.

(c) No Sir. On the other hand, use of Chemical Fertilisers such as Ammonium Sulphate has been found useful in reclamation of alkali soil.

DELHI UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION RESULTS IN NEWSPAPERS

3024. SHRI SHANKERSINHJI VAGHELA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the Delhi University results of various examina-

tions do not appear in all the leading newspapers; and

(b) if so, the facts thereabout and the steps proposed to be taken to ensure that all the results of Delhi University appear in all the leading newspapers?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (DR. PRATAP CHANDRA CHUNDER):

(a) and (b). According to the information furnished by the University of Delhi, copies of result notifications of the University are sent regularly to all the leading newspapers in Delhi for favour of publication. The newspapers are further requested that if for any reasons it is not possible for them to publish the results, they may, at least, give in the news column, the names of the examinations for which the results have been declared, so that the students may contact the institutions concerned to whom the result notifications are also sent for display at the notice board. Copies of the result notifications are also sent to Special Information Bureau, Samachar, Yuv Vani and Youth Bulletin for giving wide publicity.

Profit and loss of the Gujranwala House Building Cooperative Society, Delhi

3025. SHRI RAM KANWAR BERWA: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total profit and loss of the Gujranwala House Building Cooperative Society, Delhi as revealed by Audit Reports from 1967-68 to-date;

(b) the total amount credited to the Development Fund of the Society;

(c) whether Government are aware that this amount is being utilized by the Society for purpose other than Development of land;