

**Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board**

3052. SHRI R. L. KUREEL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken all necessary precautions/steps to ensure and uphold the independence of the Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board; and

(b) if so, whether the Minister (President of I.C.A.R.) issued any directives in this behalf?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. Orders have been issued that the Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board being an independent body appointed to assist the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, is to be treated in the same way as the Union Public Service Commission and that there should be no interference with its functioning.

**Dealings of F.C.I. Officials with Farmer**

3053. SHRI CHAND RAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the price of wheat has fallen below the support price announced by Government;

(b) whether the officials of Food Corporation of India in connivance with the traders are cheating the farmers by way of rejecting the wheat and allowing traders to buy at low price; and

(c) if so, the remedial steps taken to ensure fair dealings with farmers?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) The support price of Rs. 110/- per quintal announced by the Government is for fair average quality of wheat and the Government procuring agencies ensure that the price for fair average quality does not fall below this level.

(b) and (c). No, Sir. However, senior officers of the Food Corporation of India are keeping a constant watch on the procurement operations with a view to eliminating any chances of malpractices on the part of its staff.

श्रीराई सहकारी चीनी मिल वाराणसी की  
श्रीर गन्ने के मूल्य की बकाया राशि

3054 श्री नरसिंह यादव : क्या  
कृषि और सिंचाई मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा  
करेंगे कि :

(क) श्रीराई सहकारी चीनी मिल वाराणसी, उत्तर प्रदेश द्वारा वर्ष 1976-77 और 1977-78 में किसानों से कितना गन्ना खरीदा गया, किसानों को कितने गन्ने का मूल्य दिया गया है और कितने किसानों को गन्ने का मूल्य नहीं दिया गया है और ऐसी राशि कितनी है तथा यह किन कारणों से किसानों को नहीं दी गई है तथा यह राशि उन्हें कब तक दी जायेगी ;

(ख) क्या उक्त मिल मुनाफे में चल रही है अथवा घाटे में, यदि मिल घाटे में चल रही है तो उसे प्रतिवर्ष कितना घाटा हो रहा है ; और

(ग) इस मिल को मुनाफा हो, इसके लिये क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं ?

कृषि और सिंचाई मंत्री (श्री सुरजीत सिंह बरनाला) : (क) मिल ने 1976-77 में 8.95 लाख क्विंटल गन्ना खरीदा था;