बट बायी और 1979-80 के लिए गन्ने के अधिल भारत दूसरे अनुमान इसमें 1979-80 में 14.40 प्रतिशत की और कमी हुई है। 1977-78 और 1978-79 में गुड़ और सण्डसारी के मूल्यों में कमी के कारण ही मुख्यतया गन्ने के अन्तर्गत क्षेत्र में कमी हुई है।

Delivery of Sugar by Sugar Mills in North Bihar

- 96. SHRI K. M. MADHUKAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Government are aware of the fact that Bihar Government has expressed dissatisfaction over the delivery of sugar by sugar mills in North Bihar; and
- (b) if so, the measures proposed by Sovernment to control such sugar mill owners?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) and (b). The lifting of sugar from factories on behalf of Bihar Government is undertaken by the Food Corporation of India who have reported non-delivery/non-despatch of fevy sugar by some of the sugar mills in Bihar on grounds of non-availability of sound stocks with the mills released out of 1978-79 seasons production and refusal of delivery due to non-payment of market fee levied by the State Government.

On receipt of the complaints from F.C.I. regarding non-availabilty sound stocks out of 1978-79 seasons production the concerned factories have been permitted to deliver sugar to the extent of shortfall out of 1979-80 seasons' production. The validity period of all allotment orders issued both from 1978-79 and 1979-80 seasons' production for the months of December, 1979 to May, 1980 has also been extended upto 30th June, 1980 to enable the F.C.I. to lift the entire allotted sugar from the factories. In regard to non-payment of market fee by the factories, the matter has since been settled and suitable

instructions have been issued to the F.C.I. in this regard.

Propagation and development of Sanskrit

- 97. SHRI T. R. SHAMANNA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:
- (a) what are the steps taken by Government regarding propagation and development of Sanskrit; and
- (b) whether Government propose to give priority to learning of Sanskrit in schools and colleges?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) A statement is attached.

(b) Most Universities offer Sanskrit as a subject of study in the first degree course. Some universities have specialised courses in Sanskrit language and literature. The constituent and affiliated colleges of these universities also have the same facilities

In Central Schools, Sanskrit learning is compulsory from V to IX. Provision for teaching Sanskrit also exists in classes X to XII. Sanskrit can be offered by any candidate both at the secondary and senior secondary stages of examinations conducted by the Central Board of Secondary Education. State Govts. have also been providing facilities for learning Sanskrit in Schools and Colleges, keeping in view the local demands for such facilities.

Statement

SCHEMES FOR PROMOTION OF SANSKRIT

1. Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan

One of the main objectives of the Sansthan is to coordinate standardise and improve Sanskrit Education and Research in the country. At present, it directly controls six Kendriya Sanskrit Vidyapeethas functioning at