

of interest and margin, rescheduling the overdue liabilities and grant of need based working capital and term loan facilities.

(c) to (e). Discussions held with the representatives of workers and employers on the 9th and 10th April, 1985, reflected a general appreciation of the efforts being made to improve further the industrial relations situation in the country.

Agricultural Universities in Karnataka

5352. SHRI V.S. KRISHNA IYER : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Agricultural Universities in Karnataka;

(b) whether there is any Agricultural University in Karnataka outside Bangalore City;

(c) whether to meet the needs of the Northern parts of Karnataka, Government propose to establish another Agricultural University at Dharwad; and

(d) whether Karnataka Government have sent any proposal to Union Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR) : (a) There is only one agricultural University viz. "University of Agricultural Sciences" at Bangalore in Karnataka State.

(b) No, Sir. However, University of Agricultural Sciences Bangalore (Karnataka) has its two campuses at Dharwad and at Mangalore located outside the Bangalore city.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) No, Sir.

Production and Distribution of Coconut Seedlings in Maharashtra

5353. SHRI R.M. BHOYE : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the Government of Maharashtra with regard to the production of coconut seedlings in that State; and

(b) if so, what action Central Government have taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR) : (a) and (b). Government of Maharashtra sent proposal to Coconut Development Board, Cochin, for establishing Regional Nursery and a hybrid seed garden. The proposal for Regional Nursery has been sanctioned by Coconut Development Board for Rs. 19.38 lakh and Rs. 1 lakh has already been released in 1984-85. Proposal for hybrid seed garden is under consideration of the Board.

Crop Insurance Scheme

5354. SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DAS MUNSI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the machinery to determine the crop insurance by the peasants in the country and the criteria for selecting hundred districts to distribute compensation to a victim engaged in agricultural work with details thereof; and

(b) whether a meeting between Union Government and State Government is expected in this regard for the speedy implementation of the programme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR) : (a) A Comprehen-

sive Crop Insurance Scheme for covering wheat, paddy, millets, pulses and oilseeds has been finalised recently. The scheme will be extended to all States and U.Ts. which signify their consent. The scheme will cover all loanee farmers taking loans either from Cooperative Banks or Commercial Banks in respect of these crops. The scheme will come into operation from Kharif 1985 and will be implemented by the General Insurance Corporation of India in collaboration with the State Governments/U.Ts.

(b) A meeting between the Union Government and the State Governments/U.Ts. was held on 1.5.1985 in which the modalities of the implementation of the scheme from Kharif 1985 were fully gone into

**Price of Rice Sold at Fair Price
Shops in West Bengal**

5355. SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DAS MUNSI : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state the price at which rice was sold to West Bengal (per kg.) by the Centre in 1982-83, 1983-84 and 1984-85 and the quantity thereof during each of those years ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): Rice is sold to all State Governments including West Bengal at a uniform issue price, which was Rs. 188/-, Rs. 200/- and Rs. 215/- per quintal for common, fine and superfine varieties respectively, w.e.f. 1-10-1982, and Rs. 208/-, Rs. 220/- and Rs. 235/- per quintal for these varieties, respectively w.e.f. 16-1-1984.

The off-take of rice in West Bengal during the last three years has been :

(In '000 tonnes)

1982-83	...	1592.5
1983-84	...	1290.5
1984-85	...	869.6
		(Provisional)

Fixing Procurement Points for Sugarcane

5356. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Central Government have fixed three different points in Uttar Pradesh to procure sugarcane;

(b) whether the farmers of Maharashtra have also requested Central Government to fix up three different points in Maharashtra as in U.P. to procure sugarcane; and

(c) if so, by when the same system is likely to be introduced in Maharashtra ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH) : (a) and (b). No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Diversification of Food Processing Industry

5357. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry has urged the food processing industry to diversify into new fields;

(b) if so details of guidelines issued by the Government in this regard; and

(c) to what extent the food processing industry will be benefited ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH) : (a) to (c). The Ministry of Food and Civil Supplies has not issued any instructions/guidelines in this regard.

Decline in Groundnut Yield in Saurashtra

5358. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE