

engaged in the supply of certified seeds in Bihar State.

(c) The National Seeds Corporation made a profit of Rs. 90.21 lakhs in the year 1975-76. Accounts for 1976-77 are under preparation.

Fixation of Support Price for Vegetables, Mustard Seed and Grains

3474. SHRI K. MALLANNA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that farmers producing vegetables, mustard seed, wheat, groundnuts, grams are paid only nominal amount in the wholesale vegetables and grains markets of Delhi, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Haryana, Punjab and Himachal Pradesh and they sell in the open market at almost double the price due to middle men's profit;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to enter fruit, vegetable, edible oil and grain market and fix support price for the producers of tomatoe, potatoes, mustard seed, grams etc.; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) to (c). Government are fully conscious of the need to protect the interests of the producers of agricultural commodities. For this purpose procurement/support prices are already being fixed for major foodgrains (including wheat and gram), oilseeds like groundnut, sunflowerseed and soyabean and cotton, jute, etc. Prices of mustard seed have been ruling at high levels and it has not been considered necessary so far to fix support prices for this commodity.

Among vegetables, support by way of purchase operations at predetermined prices has been provided in the case of potatoes as and when necessary. For other vegetables, such as, tomatoes etc., it has not been possible to undertake support/purchase operations in view of the perishable nature of the commodities. The price position of all agricultural commodities is, however, kept under constant watch and necessary remedial measures are taken as and when necessary to project the interests of the producers as well as the consumers.

सागर विश्वविद्यालय की वित्तीय स्थिति

3475. श्री नर्मदा प्रसाद राय: क्या शिक्षा, समाज कल्याण और संस्कृति मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सागर विश्व-विद्यालय की वित्तीय स्थिति बहुत खराब है और उसे दिन प्रतिदिन के प्रशासन में भी कठिनाई का सामना करना पड़ रहा है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार का विचार इसे केन्द्रीय नियंत्रण के अधीन लाने का है ; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं और विश्वविद्यालय के भविष्य के बारे में सरकार द्वारा क्या कार्रवाही करने का प्रस्ताव है ?

शिक्षा, समाज कल्याण तथा संस्कृति मंत्री (डा० प्रताप चन्द्र चन्द्र) : (क) और (ग) : सागर विश्वविद्यालय के अनुसूचण का उत्तरदायित्व मध्य प्रदेश सरकार का है । केन्द्रीय सरकार का विश्वविद्यालय को अपने नियंत्रण में लाने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं