

students would be given representation on the Senate when necessary amendments in the University Act are carried out.

(b) and (c). A Committee consisting of representatives of the Governments of Punjab and Haryana and of the University Grants Commission has been formed to look into various provisions of the Punjab University Act and suggest amendments thereto, to meet the present-day needs. This Committee will also consider the question of providing students representation on the University bodies.

(d) The Gajendragadkar Committee on Governance of Universities had recommended that students representation may be provided on the Senate/Court and Academic Council of the Universities. The recommendations of this Committee had been intimated to the State Governments for necessary action. Provision for this has already been made in the Acts of several Universities.

Output from Hybrid Bajra No. 1

7777. SHRI G. S. REDDI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hybrid Bajra No. 1 released in 1964-65 has ceased to give larger output;

(b) if so, whether any new hybrid bajra variety has been developed to increase bajra yields; and

(c) if not, reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) Yes, Sir; Hybrid Bajra No. 1 released in 1964-65 has ceased to give larger output because it has become susceptible to downy mildew (Green ear) and ergot diseases of bajra.

(b) New high yielding and downy mildew tolerant bajra hybrid like

BJ 104, BK 560-230 and PHB 14 have been released for cultivation. With the availability of hybrids possessing resistance to downy mildew, the production of the bajra can be expected to increase. Ergot continues to be a problem and intensive research on its control is in progress.

(c) Question does not arise.

Student Union in Universities and Colleges

7779. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since decided to make membership of the student's Union in the Universities and colleges optional; and

(b) if so, the follow up actions in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (DR. PRATAP CHANDRA CHUNDER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

बिहार, गुजरात और मध्य प्रदेश में सिचाई की कम प्रतिशतता

7780. श्री मोरेन्द्र प्रसाद : क्या कृषि और सिचाई मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या इस समय कुल कृषि योग्य भूमि का 30 प्रतिशत ही सिंचित क्षेत्र है ;

(ख) क्या अन्य राज्यों की तुलना में बिहार, गुजरात और मध्य प्रदेश जैसे राज्यों में सिंचित भूमि की प्रतिशतता कम है; और

(घ) क्या सिंचाई सुविधा के मामले में इन तीन राज्यों को अन्य राज्यों के समकक्ष लाने के लिए सरकार का विचार विचाराधीन सिंचाई योजनाओं को लागू करने और मध्यम दर्जे की तथा छोटी सिंचाई योजनाओं के लिए धन आवंटित करने में प्राथमिकता देना का है ?

कृषि और सिंचाई मंत्री (श्री सुरजीत सिंह बरनाला) (क) 1977-78 अन्त तक बृहद, मध्यम और लघु सिंचाई कार्यों के जरिए सृजित की गई सिंचाई शक्तियता कृषिगत क्षेत्र की 29 प्रतिशत है।

(ख) गुजरात और मध्य प्रदेश दोनों राज्या में कृषिगत क्षेत्र की तुलना में 1977-78 तक सृजित की गई सिंचाई-व्यवस्था की प्रतिशतता राष्ट्रीय औसत से कम है। परन्तु बिहार के मामले में सृजित की गई सिंचाई शक्तियता राज्य में कृषिगत क्षेत्र की 39 प्रतिशत है।

(ग) सिंचाई एक राज्य विषय है और सिंचाई परियोजनाओं का वित्त-पोषण राज्य सरकारों द्वारा किया जाता है। राज्यों का केन्द्रीय सहायता ब्लाक ऋणों और अनुदानों के रूप में दी जाती है और यह कसी विशिष्ट विकास क्षेत्र अथवा परियोजना से संबंधित नहीं होती।

निर्माणाधीन परियोजनाओं से शीघ्र लाभ प्राप्त करने के लिये उन के शीघ्र क्रियान्वयन को प्राथमिकता दी जा रही है और जिन राज्यों में कम सिंचाई सुविधाएँ हैं उन की वार्षिक योजनाओं में ऊँचे परिव्यय की व्यवस्था की जा रही है।

Foodgrain Storage in Miraj, Maharashtra with World Bank Credit

7781 SHRI ANNASHEB GOTKHINDE Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government have selected Miraj city, Maharashtra

State, as one of the locations where the grain storage capacity is proposed to be augmented or built with the World Bank Credit.

(b) if so, the capacity for storage proposed to be augmented or built,

(c) the estimated cost of the same; and

(d) the time by which the scheme is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH) (a) Yes, Sir

(b) 50,000 tonnes capacity

(c) The estimated cost of construction of godown including provision for railway siding is Rs 185 crores

(d) It is expected that the entire project at Miraj would be completed by the middle of 1979-80 if the possession of site is handed over by the Maharashtra Government immediately

Subarnarekha Project

7783 SHRI SAMAR GUHA
SHRI BAIRAGI JENA
SHRI PRADYUMNA BAL

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to refer to the reply given to USQ No 3541 on 12th December 1977 regarding resumption of work on Subarnarekha Flood Control Project and state

(a) whether the scheme of flood control Project for the river "Subarnarekha" for the benefit of control of frequent floods in the States of Orissa and West Bengal are pending before the Government for years,

(b) if so, the reasons for unusual delay in implementation of the Project, and