

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH): (a) and (b). The Government of India do not have any scheme for development of Cooperative Farming.

Encouragement to game of Billiard

4286. SHRI A. SUNNA SAHIB: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the game of billiards is not being given encouragement by the All India Council of Sports;

(b) whether it is a fact that the World Champion of Billiards, at present an Indian, was not even conveyed the message of congratulations from our Prime Minister by the Indian Embassy in New Zealand;

(c) whether it is a fact that this International Champion was not even given financial assistance for competing in the game abroad; and

(d) if so, the reasons for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (SHRI DHANNA SINGH GULSHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Prime Minister's message congratulating Shri M. Ferreira on his winning the World Championship in Billiards in Melbourne (Australia) was not sent by Prime Minister's Office to our High Commission in Australia. It was released to the press only.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Construction of Godowns by Private Parties

4287. SHRI PRASANNBHAI MEHTA:

SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that encouraged by the response to the first and second phases, the Food Corporation of India had decided to go in for the third phase of construction of godowns by private parties under the guarantee scheme;

(b) if so, to what extent the first two phases have been achieved; and the target fixed for the third phase of storage;

(c) how many private parties are proposed to be asked to set up godowns for storage and in what States; and

(d) what will be the capacity of each godown and by what time these godowns will be set up?

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

(b) A capacity of about 35.95 lakh tonnes is being added under first two phases. 19.39 lakh tonnes capacity has already been completed and taken over by the Corporation upto 31-1-1978 the balance 16.56 lakh tonnes under construction is likely to be taken over soon.

Target for the third phase is 2 million tonnes.

(c) Offers have been invited from private parties for construction of such godowns under Phase III in the States of Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra and West Bengal.