

(b) whether there was any complaint against Seed Corporation regarding supply of bad seeds in Assam; and

(c) if so, steps taken?

THE MINISTER THE
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND
IRRIGATION (SHRI BHANU PRATAP
SINGH): (a) The National Seeds Corporation distributed 794.15 qtls. of certified jute seeds and 1817 quintals of certified paddy seeds to the agriculturists in Assam through their own dealers and the Government of Assam during the current Kharif season.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Nutrition Programme for the Poor

2017. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN:

SHRI JANARDHANA
POOJARY:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that much of the nutrition programme proposed by the Union Government for the benefit of poor have been found benefiting the rich;

(b) whether it is also a fact that most of the schemes are yet to start or have remained at the half-way stages because of financial constraints or half-hearted implementation by the agencies involved like the Modern Bakeries, the Food Corporation of India and the Food, and Nutrition Board; and

(c) if so, the steps Government have proposed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL
WELFARE AND CULTURE (SHRI-
MATI RENUKA DEVI BARAKA-
TAKI): (a) No Sir. The supplement-
ary programmes as well programme

relating to provision of prophylaxis for vitamin 'A' deficiency are for mal-nourished and anaemic children and the target groups mainly include the children of slum areas, tribal areas and areas inhabited by Scheduled Castes and other backward classes.

(b) It is not correct to say that schemes relating to processing of food have not progressed because of half hearted implementation and other constraints. Through the Food Corporation of India, the Food and Nutrition Board has been able to achieve a production level of 40,000 (forty thousand) tonnes of Balahar, a low cost nutritious food, used for supplementary feeding of children of vulnerable groups. Similarly, the Modern Bakeries have achieved a production level of 14.43 lakhs loaves of 400 grams each fortified with various nutrients.

(c) The Government is continuously reviewing the implementation of various programmes concerned with nutrition to improve the efficacy of the programmes.

केन्द्र द्वारा प्राविवासी क्षेत्रों में कृषि उपकरण
उपलब्ध करना

2018. श्री श्यामलाल घुबे : क्या कृषि
श्रीर सिन्हाई मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या कृषि को प्रोत्साहन देने के लिये प्रादि-
वासी क्षेत्रों में नवीनतम कृषि उपकरण उपलब्ध
करने हेतु केन्द्र स्थापित करने की कोई योजना है; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो उक्त केन्द्रों की स्थापना में
विलम्ब के क्या कारण हैं ?

कृषि श्रीर सिन्हाई मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री
भाग्य प्रताप सिंह) : (क) विधेवरूप में प्रादिवासी
क्षेत्रों में कृषि उपकरण मुहैया करने के लिए केन्द्रों
की स्थापना हेतु कोई केन्द्रीय योजना नहीं है ।
तथापि, भारत प्रादिवासी विकास एजेंसी परियोजनाओं
श्रीर कुछ अन्य केन्द्रीय योजनाओं के तहत बुने हुए
प्रादिवासी क्षेत्रों में कृषि उपकरण सप्लाई करने की
व्यवस्था है ।

(ख) भाग (क) के उत्तर की दृष्टि में प्रश्न
ही नहीं होता ।