

been finalised and the total target is fixed at 135.38 crores seedlings. The States and the U.Ts. have been specifically advised to ensure that the plants should be looked after carefully for at least two years after planting. They have also been advised to take steps to reduce mortality of the plants.

It has been suggested to them that the tree plantation target for 1982-83 should be at least 1½ times the target of 1981-82 and that they should take up preparatory work right from now.

(c) Yes, Sir. Central assistance has been provided for afforestation work under Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Social Forestry. Central assistance has also been provided under another Centrally Sponsored Scheme "Soil, Water & Tree Conservation in Himalayas", which includes afforestation. The schemes on afforestation under State Sector are being implemented by the States from their own resources.

(d) Under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes in Social Forestry an amount of Rs. 447.60 lakhs was released as Central grant to States and Union Territories during 1980-81. The amount of Central grant allocation for 1981-82 is Rs. 700 lakhs.

Under the other Centrally Sponsored Scheme, "Soil, Water & Tree Conservation in Himalayas" an amount of Rs. 180.10 lakhs was released as Central assistance to various States and Union Territories during 1980-81. The Central assistance allocated for 1981-82 is Rs. 265 lakhs.

Production and Consumption of Sugar in last Decade

4010. SHRI A. NEELALOHITHADASAN NADAR : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what was the total production of Sugarcane in 1980 as compared to 1970 ;

(b) what is the per capita consumption of refined sugar in 1980 as compared to 1970; and

(c) what were Government's declared prices of Sugarcane in 1970 and in 1980 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN) : (a) The production of sugarcane during 1979-80 is estimated at 128 million tonnes as against 135 million tonnes during 1969-70.

(b) The annual estimated per capita consumption of refined sugar in 1979-80 was 7.8 kgs whereas in 1969-70 it was 6.1 kgs.

(c) The statutory minimum price during 1969-70 linked to 9.4 per cent recovery was fixed at Rs. 7.37 per quintal with a premium of 5.36 paise for every 0.1 per cent increase in the basis recovery. During 1979-80, the statutory minimum price was fixed at Rs. 12.50 per quintal linked to a recovery of 8.5 per cent and below with a premium of 14.71 paise per quintal for every 0.1 per cent increase in recovery above 8.5 per cent.

Allotment of Foodgrains to Cachar and Mizoram

4011. SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the basis of allotment of foodgrains, i.e. wheat, rice etc. to Cachar from the Food Corporation of India godowns at Silchar ;

(b) the allotment by the Food Corporation of India to Mizoram and Cachar, separately for the last three years ;

(c) whether the population of the area is also taken into consideration ; and