

(b) in what way the campaign was conducted differently as compared to the methods adopted during the Rabi Campaign of 1959-60?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) and (b). The Rabi Production Campaign of 1960-61 was conducted by the State Governments more or less on the same lines as the 1959-60 campaign. The items of work which received special attention during the two Campaigns were:—

- (i) Increased supply of the wherewithals of production viz., improved seeds, organic manures, fertilizers, improved farm implements and insecticides and pesticides;
- (ii) Treatment of seeds against seed-borne diseases;
- (iii) Green manuring and a drive for production and distribution of compost;
- (iv) Laying out of 'composite' demonstrations on cultivators' fields and their systematic follow-up;
- (v) Timely supply of credit for purchase of seeds, fertilizers, implements, etc. by simplifying the procedures for sanction and disbursement of loans.
- (vi) Mass mobilisation of farmers through the efforts of Gram Sahayaks and non-official organisations like Bharat Sevak Samaj, Farmers' Forum, etc.
- (vii) Distribution of agricultural information literature on various aspects of the Campaign and wide publicity to community awards as an incentive to farmers to increase production.

Khari Campaign, 1960

777. Shri Inder J. Malhotra: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) what were the main achievements of the Kharif Campaign of 1960;

(b) which States conducted this campaign at the initiative of the Central Government; and

(c) whether the Central Government had any co-ordinating Central machinery to organise the campaign on better lines and also to assure timely supplies of seed and fertilizer requirements to the States?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) None of the States have so far reported their achievements of the Kharif Production Campaign undertaken during the Kharif season 1960.

(b) The Campaign was carried out by all the States.

(c) The Extension Wing of the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Department of Agriculture) brings about necessary co-ordination and provides overall guidance and advice to the States in organising the production campaigns. The responsibility for ensuring timely supplies of seeds and fertilizers rests with the State Governments. However, the Centre assists them, if approached, in timely procurement and supply of the wherewithals of production.

Railway Income on Sarhind-Nangal Section

779. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the total income of the Railway Department on Sarhind-Nangal Section during 1960; and

(b) whether the income has increased or decreased as compared to the income of 1959?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) The total earnings from stations on Sarhind-Nangal Section during 1960, were Rs. 72,58,754.

(b) The earnings for the year 1960 have decreased as compared to the earnings for the year 1959.