

9. Employment was mainly provided to the selected labourers through outside project sources and this was true of the reference period as a whole as well as separately for busy and slack periods. The rural works programme has hardly lived upto the expectation of providing about 100 mandays of employment per labourer. The position in this respect does not seem to have improved over the years.

10. About 64 per cent of the selected labourers had come to work on the project because no other work was available. About 11 per cent had preferred the project work because of wage considerations while another 8 per cent felt that the payment of wages was comparatively regular on these projects as compared to the work outside location of projects was found to be the other important reason advanced by 8 per cent of the selected respondents.

Working of National Seeds Corporation

3568. SHRI ROBIN KAKOTY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

- (a) the total quantity of seeds sold by the National Seeds Corporation of India during 1969 and 1970, year-wise, and State-wise and profit or loss made by it in the said years;
- (b) the total subsidy, grant or loan, granted by the Central Government to cover any loss incurred by the Corporation during the last three years, year-wise;
- (c) the number of seeds farms under direct management of the Corporation, State-wise;
- (d) the total production of seeds by these farms in 1969 and 1970, year-wise; and
- (e) the loss or profit made by these farms in 1969 and 1970, year-wise.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE) : (a) The National Seeds Corporation sold 77,600 quintals of certified seeds worth Rs. 2,52,78,125 and 14,696 quintals of foundation seeds of the value of Rs. 43,59,667 in the year 1969-70. The working year of the Corporation is from 1st June to 31st May. For the period 1st June, 1970 to the 31st May, 1971, the accounts of the Corporation have not yet been audited. However, it is estimated that total quantity of certified seed sold during the year would be nearly 1 lakh quintals and the sale price realised would be about Rs. 350 lakhs. The Corporation has also sold approximately 16,418 quintals of foundation seeds worth Rs. 58 lakhs. The information of the quantity of seeds sold State-wise is not available as the seeds are sold from the Regional Offices and each region covers more than one State. There is also Central sale point at Delhi from where seeds are sold to farmers all over the country. The National Seeds Corporation suffered a loss of Rs. 25,05,447 in the year 1968-69 and made a profit of Rs. 26,370 in 1969-70.

(b) No subsidy, or grant or loan has been given by the Government of India to cover any loss incurred by the Corporation during the last three years. The Corporation suffered a loss only in the year 1968-69, during the last three years ending 1969-70.

(c) The National Seeds Corporation has three seed farms under direct management, as detailed below:--

1. Hempur	Uttar Pradesh
2. Nandikotkur	Andhra Pradesh
3. Yamunanagar	Haryana

(d) The Corporation produced the following quantities of seeds in the three farms as given under:--

	(in quintals)	
	1969-70	1970-71
1. Hempur	6,129.73	7,926.79
2. Nandikotkur	1,198.27	694.90
3. Yamunanagar	...	3,527.17

The Yamunanagar farm came into existence only during kharif 1970.

(e) The farms incurred a loss of Rs. 3,73,724.30 in the year 1968-69 and made a profit of Rs. 5,36,818.02 in the year 1969-70. The accounts of the Corporation including the accounts of the farms for the year 1970-71 are at present being audited.

Seed Farms Established with Foreign Collaboration

3569. SHRI ROBIN KAKOTY : Will the Minister of Agriculture be pleased to state the number of seed farms established in India State-wise with foreign collaboration and grant ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE) : The State Farms Corporation of India has established 6 Central State Farms with equipment supplied by the Soviet Union either as gift or on commercial terms. Two farms are located in Rajasthan and one each in Haryana, Mysore, Orissa and Kerala. There is proposal to set up a farm in Punjab also. These farms have been established to produce seeds. Information on other farms established in the States with foreign collaboration is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Request from Assam Government for allotment of Rice

3570. SHRI ROBIN KAKOTY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Assam Government have requested the Central Government for allotment of rice to meet the present food situation in Assam; and

(b) the quantity (Tonnage) asked for by the State Government and the quantity (Tonnes) allotted ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Earlier, the Government of Assam made an assessment of their requirements of rice and on the basis of this assessment it was indicated that they would require about 75,000 tonnes of rice from the Central Pool for the entire year 1971. The actual quantities required will be indicated by that Government as and when needed. So far the State Government asked for an allotment of 27,000 tonnes of rice and the same has been allotted.

Loss or Profit by Food Corporation of India

3571. SHRI ROBIN KAKOTY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount of loss or profit made by Food Corporation of India during the last one year, State-wise;

(b) the subsidy, grant or loan, made by the Central Government to cover the loss, if any, incurred during the above period State-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE) : (a) The trad-