

(a) the total number of Sugar Factories in the co-operative sector, State-wise; and

(b) the amount of money, if any spent on them, factory-wise, in each State by the Central Government ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAGANNATH PAHADIA): (a) Licenses/ letters of intent have so far been issued to 117 cooperatives for establishment of sugar factories; of these, 74 cooperative sugar factories are in production. State-wise information is given in the statement laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library See. No. LT-527/71]

(b) Upto 31st March, 1970, loans to the extent of Rs. 12.76 crores have been given to the State Governments for contribution to the share capital of 79 cooperative sugar factories by the Central Government through the National Cooperative Development Corporation. Society-wise information is given in the Statement laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library see No. LT-572/71]

Area under Sugarcane Cultivation

3634. SHRI D. K. PANDA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total extent of lands brought under sugarcane cultivation, State-wise, and the production there of in tons State-wise for the years 1969-70 and 1970-71;

(b) whether there is substantial reduction of area under sugarcane in 1970-71; and

(c) if so, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE): (a) to (c). Statement No. 1

showing estimates of area and production of sugarcane for different States for the year 1969-70 is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT. 573/71]. Similar data for 1970-71 have not yet become available. However, according to the All-India Second Estimate of Sugarcane for 1970-71, the area under the crop at the preliminary State, shows a marginal increase of 0.6% in the country during 1970-70 over the corresponding estimate for 1969-71. Statement No. II shows the extent of percentage variations according to the Second Estimate in area under sugarcane in different States during 1970-71 over the corresponding Estimate for 1969-70 laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library See No. LT 573/71]

मध्य प्रदेश में कृषि फार्म संचार केन्द्र की स्थापना

3635. श्री गंगा चरण दीक्षित : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या किसानों के साथ प्रभावी सम्पर्क बनाये रखने के लिये विद्यार्थियों को प्रशिक्षण देने हेतु फोड फाउन्डेशन और अमरीकी अन्तरराष्ट्रीय विकास एजेंसी के सहयोग से चौथो पंचवर्षीय योजना में मध्य-प्रदेश में एक कृषि फार्म संचार केन्द्र स्थापित करने का सरकार का विचार है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसकी मुख्य बातें क्या है ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री प्रणवा साहिब पी० शिन्डे) (क) और (ख). चौथो पंचवर्षीय योजनावधि के दौरान, मध्यप्रदेश में एक संचार केन्द्र स्थापित करने के बारे में इस समय भारत सरकार के विचाराधीन कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है। परन्तु