

of pelagic fisheries resources on the East Coast is also under examination.

Setting up of Mechanised Large Scale Seed Farms in States

4269. SHRI H. H. MAHARAJA NARENDRA SINGH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the first mechanised large scale Seed Farm is to be set up in Tamil Nadu by the Centre ;

(b) if so, its capacity;

(c) whether this kind of farms are to be set up in other States ; and

(d) the States which have requested for them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHER SINGH) : (a) A proposal is under consideration to set up a Central State Farm in Tamil Nadu but no final decision has yet been taken.

(b) The farm is proposed to have an area of 10,000 acres.

(c) and (d). Such Central State Farm already exist in Rajasthan, Haryana, Orissa, Mysore, Kerala and Mizo Hills district of Assam. A farm is also being set up at Jullundur in Punjab.

There are proposal to set up such farms in Bihar and plains of Assam also. No final decision has yet been taken with regard to these proposals as well.

Review of Small Farmers' Development Agencies

4270. SHRI B. V. NAIK : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the working of the Small Farmers' Development Agencies in the country has been reviewed since their inception ;

(b) if so, the broad findings thereof ; and

(c) if not, whether the review will be undertaken in the near future ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAGANNATH PAHADIA) : (a) No sir ;

(b) does not arise ;

(c) A review is likely to be undertaken sometime towards the end of the year. However, the progress of the work is being continuously watched.

Hunger Strike by Employees of V.S.T. Group of Companies in Bangalore

4271. SHRI B. V. NAIK : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the employees of the V.S.T. group of Companies in Bangalore have resorted to hunger strike ; and

(b) if so, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR) : (a) According to information made available by the Government of Mysore, there is no hunger strike by the employees at present.

(b) Does not arise.

Plan for Supply of Foodstuff to Evacuees of Bangla Desh by Central State Government

4272. SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DAS MUNSHI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rice consumed by evacuees of Bangla Desh was entirely supplied by Central Government or partly by Central and partly by State Government ;

(b) the latest figure of total consumption ;

(c) whether other specific things for food, specially for he babies, were supplied by the Central Government ; and

(d) whether any uniform plan in regard to supply and consumption of food has been