

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA) : (a) No, Sir,

(b) It has since been decided by the Government to shift 50,000 refugees from West Bengal to the Central Camp at Mana in Madhya Pradesh.

**Boosting up of Production of Commercial Crops in Dry-Farming Areas**

1819. SHRI P. VENKATASUBBAIAH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the production of commercial crops under dry farming has gone down considerably with the result that there is scarcity of these commodities in the country ; and

(b) whether any incentives are proposed to the dry farming areas in order to boost up production of commercial crops in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE) : (a). No separate figures of production of commercial crops in dry farming areas are available. The production of these crops, like cotton and oilseeds is mainly concentrated in rainfed areas. As such the production of these crops has been showing wide fluctuations, from year to year, due to vagaries of weather.

(b) There is no proposal to provide incentives to boost up production of commercial crops in dry farming areas. The State Governments, however, provide various incentives for the development of commercial crops through their plans. A Centrally Sponsored Scheme under Dryland Agricultural Development has been sanctioned, in which 24 pilot projects have been started as Demonstration-cum-Training projects. The crop rotations to be followed in these projects, commercial crops will come in. Loans and subsidies have been provided to the participating farmers for inputs, permanent works and other infrastructural activities.

**Shifting of Head Office of National Mineral Development Corporation Ltd.**

1820. SHRI C. D. GAUTAM : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to shift the Head Office of the National Mineral Development Corporation Ltd ; and

(b) if so, the place and the date by which it will be shifted ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN) : (a) No Sir. The matter is still under consideration.

(b) Does not arise.

**Working of Stateowned Agricultural Farms**

1821. SHRI S. R. DAMANI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the working result of the State-owned Agriculture Farms during 1970-71 and how they compare with the figures of the two previous years ;

(b) the average yield per acre and the cost of production and how they compare with the achievements of the progressive farmers around the area ; and

(c) the new innovations, if any, made in the farming techniques in order to make them model farms for larger outputs and economic working ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE) : (a) The working results for the year 1970-71 are not yet available as the financial year of the State Farms Corporation of India which controls the Central State Mechanised Farms, corresponds to the agricultural year which closes on the 30th June, 1971. Consequently the working results of the Central State Farms for the years 1967-68, 1968-69 and 1969-70 are given in statement 'A' The total profit for