

**Central Grant to Rajasthan for implementation of crash programme for Rural employment**

7824. SHRI BRIJ RAJ SINGH—KOTAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Central Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs. 1.5 crores for the crash programme of rural employment in Rajasthan, and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHER SINGH) : (a) and (b). So far the Central Government has approved proposals of Rajasthan Government at a total cost of Rs. 293.03 lakhs under the Crash Scheme for Rural Employment. The proposals cover 25 districts and include projects like Roads, Miner Irrigation, soil Conservation, Afforestation and Land Reclamation.

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7825. श्री रामावतार शास्त्री : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या बिहार में टाटा बन्धुओं की जमींदारी उन्मूलन संबंधी विधेयक अनुमति के लिए भारत के राष्ट्रपति के पास पड़ा है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो विलम्ब के क्या कारण है ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री श्री अण्णासाहिब शिंदे) : (क) जी हां ।

(ख) इससे बहुत से महत्वपूर्ण कानूनी और संविधानी प्रश्न उत्पन्न होते हैं जो परीक्षाधीन हैं ।

**Facilities to Vegetable and fruit Producers to Create demand of their Produces in Markets**

7826. SHRI RANA BAHADUR SINGH :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the facilities provided by the Ministry to fruit and vegetable producers who want to travel to prospective markets to create a demand for their vegetable, fruit or other agricultural produce ;

(b) if so, their details ; and

(c) how many producers have taken advantage of such facility ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE) : (a) and (b). The following facilities are provided by the Government of India to the exporters to prospective markets to create a demand for their produce :—

(1) The Reserve Bank authorities release the necessary foreign exchange to exporters to study markets.

(2) Government of India Commercial Representatives assist exporters to get in touch with important importers in the countries that are visited by them.

(3) Export Promotion Councils for processed food help the exporters with necessary market intelligence reports for export of processed food, processed vegetables, processed fruits, etc.

(c) This information is not readily available.

**Sugar Mills Operating in West Bengal**

7827. DR. SARADISH ROY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of sugar Mills operating in West Bengal;

(b) how many of them are closed down uptill now ;

(c) whether any steps have been taken by the Government to reopen the closed sugar factories ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHER SINGH) : (a) There are two registered licensed sugar factories in West Bengal.

(b) One licensed sugar mill at Ahmedpur,