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- 1 Iron-ore Mines
- 2 Manganese Mines
- 3 Limestone Mines
- 4. Gold Mines
- 5 Mica Mines
- 6 Bauxite Mines
- 7 China Clay Mines
- 8 Magnesite Mines
- 9 Dolomite Mines
- 10 Barvtes Mines
- 11 Fire Clay Mines
- 12 Gypsum Mines
- 13 Kyanite Mines
- 14 Silimite Mines
- 15 Steatite Mines
- 16 Diamond Mines

Assistance from Switzerland under Freedom From Hunger Campaign

- 4891 SHRI JITENDRA PRASAD Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state
- (a) whether his Ministry received assistance under the Freedom from Hunger Campaign from the Government of Switzerland.
 - (b) if so, the extent thereof,
- (c) the quantum of help given by Freedom from Hunger Campaign to Kakori Shaheed Education Society and how it has been utilized, and

(d) the names of the members of the Kakori Shaheed Education Society and whether Government are aware that the funds allotted to the Society have been utilized?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHER SINGH) (a) No

- (b) Does not arise
- (c) On 1st August 1968, a project on the "Development of the farm and organi sation of farmers' production-cum-training camps and farmers' discussion groups by the Kakori Shaheed Education Society, Chidkuri (Uttar Pradesh)", at a cost of Rs 1,32,000 was approved by the Indian Freedom From Hunger Campaign, to be financed out of the donations made by the Food for India Foundation, Netherlands

The amount was made for (1) development of model agricultural farm, (2) farmers' production-cum-training camps, (3) farmers' discussion groups, and (4) staff for the above purpose

However the Society has been paid only Rs 80,000 out of the approved amount in two instalments of Rs 50,000 and Rs 30,000

Though the Society was expected to send a quarterly report in triplicate, the only report it sent to us was on 12-1-70. In that report it was stated that the amount sanctioned Rs 50, 265 had been utilised largely for the development of the farm at Chidkuri for various items, though a small sum was also spent on training camps

In the absence of subsequent reports from the Society the payment of the remaining amount has been withheld

(d) Shri P. K. Khanna is the President of the Kakori Shaheed Education Society However, so far as this project

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is concerned, the Society has been asked to set up a Special Programme Committee consisting of the District Magistrate, District Agricultural Officer, Farm Extension Officer of the Pantnagar Agricultural University, Director of the nearby Deputy Development Farm. Sugar Commissioner, Uttar Pradesh, officer incharge of farmers' training, Secretary of the Kakori Shaheed Education Society and the project officer. The Society has, not reported if it has held any meetings of this committee.

Since regular reports have not been coming from the Society regarding the utilisation of the funds, not only have the reminders been sent to the Society, but the Government of Uttar Pradesh has also been requested to get enquiries made and to report.

Distribution of new varieties of Rice to Farmers to Increase per acre Production thereof

4892. SHRI N. K. SINHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

- (a) the new varieties of rice distributed to farmers in order to increase per acre production as indicated by the President of India in his Presidential address and to the extent they have been distributed;
- (b) the names of the varieties of rice; and
- (c) the names of the agencies through which these have been distributed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHER SINGH): (a) and (b). A number of new improved varieties of rice which have higher yields than local varieties have been evolved and released for cultivation during the last few years. 13 such varieties which are suitable for cultivation in many regions in the country have been released during the last 3 years. The names of these varieties are as follows:

- (I) Jaya
- (2) Padma
- (3) Jagannath
- (4) Pankaj
- (5) Sabarmati
- (6) Jamuna
- (7) IR-20
- (8) Ratna
- (9) Bala
- (10) Vijaya
- (11) Krishna
- (12) Kaveri
- (13) CO-35

9 of these varieties were released only last year and certified seed (of these varieties) in sizeable quantities is likely to be available for distribution to the farmers in the Kaharif, 1972. The National Seeds Corporation has already taken up the multiplications of seeds of the recently released varieties. Of the others, the State Governments undertake the production and distribution of certified seeds depending on demand. The N.S.C. also prodduced certified seeds of new varieties of paddy and sold 21,350 quintals in 1968-69. 17.130 quintals in 1969-70 and 30,100 quintals in 1970-71.

(c) The National Seeds Corporation distributes the seeds through its own depots through the State Governments and a net work of about 500 dealers. The State Governments undertake the distribution inter alia through cooperative societies, departmental agencies etc. The Terai Development Corporation also produced and distributed some new varieties of rice through their dealers/State Governments etc.