

(b) if so, the duration of this course and the number of persons who received this training ; and

(c) the number of local farmers State-wise and foreigners (if any) who received this training ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE) : (a) to (c). The Hon'ble Member is presumably referring to the "FAO/SIDA Training Centre on Maize, Sorghum and Millet Improvement and production for Africa and the Near East" now being held at the IARI, Pusa under the auspices of the FAO and the Swedish Government. The Training Centre which was started on June 1, 1971 is of 6 months duration. Twenty two participants from the Near East and Africa have been selected for the training, of whom seventeen have already reported and are receiving training. All the course instructors are Indian Scientists. This is not a course for farmers but a re-orientation course on Maize, Sorghum and Millet for Plant Breeders and other scientists engaged in research on these crops in their respective countries. The main object of the Centre, as laid down in its work plan is to give intensive training in practical methods of improvement and production of Maize, Sorghum and Millets to the trainees.

Export of Sugar

2387. SHRI DEVINDER SINGH GARCHA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether India is contemplating to export more sugar this year ;

(b) if so, the names of the countries to which major portion of sugar will be exported ;

(c) whether U.K's entry in the European Common Market has affected our exports of sugar ; and

(d) if so, to what extent ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHER SINGH) : (a). Under the International Sugar Agreement, 1968, our exports each year have to be limited to the quantity fixed by the International Sugar Council. In 1970 a quantity of about 3.18 lakh tonnes was exported. India's total export entitlements for 1971 at present come to about 3.50 lakh tonnes and all this quantity is likely to be exported before the close of the year.

(b) Major portion of sugar during 1971 has been/will be exported to U.K., U.S.A., Canada, Ceylon, South Vietnam and Malaysia.

(c). No, Sir.

(d). Does not arise.

Aid from International Development Association for Expansion of Agricultural Credit to Farmers of Haryana and Tamil Nadu

2388. SHRI DEVINDER SINGH GARCHA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a scheme under the consideration of Government to expand the volume and range of agricultural credit to farmers in Haryana and Tamil Nadu ;

(b) if so, the particulars thereof ;

(c) whether International Development Association propose to give credit to the extent of \$60 million, whereas the total cost of the two projects is estimated \$106.8 million ;

(d) the sources from where the remaining money is proposed to be raised ; and

(e) the State-wise utilization of the anticipated amount ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE) : (a). Yes, Sir.