

National Conference on Unemployment

3045. SHRI N. S. BIST :
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether a two-day National Conference on Unemployment was held recently in Bombay under the auspices of the Asian Regional Organisation of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions ;

(b) if so, the matters discussed and suggestions made at the Conference ; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto and whether Government propose to implement them ; if so, when and if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR) : (a) and (b). Government have seen the report of the Indian Trade Union Conference on Unemployment. It deals generally with the problem of unemployment and some possible remedial measures.

(c) These issues are under Government's constant review ; the action taken must depend on emerging requirements and the available resources.

Import of Cereals during 1970-71

3046. SHRI PRABODH CHANDRA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the value of cereal imports during 1970-71 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE) : The total C and F value of the foodgrains (wheat and rice) imported during 1970-71 was about Rs. 185 crores.

Agricultural Production Programme in Eastern Districts of U. P.

3047. SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be

pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration to examine the agricultural production programme in the eastern districts of U. P. in view of the low-yield per hectare ; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE) : (a) No, Sir...

(b) Does not arise.

Research Project for Improvement of Coconut during Fourth Plan

3048. SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided for an All-India Co-ordinated Research Project for the Improvement of Coconut during Fourth Five Year Plan ; and

(b) if so, the plans regarding opening of its Centres in various places and the amount sanctioned for the same ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE) : (a) An All India Coordinated Coconut and Arecanut Improvement Project has been sanctioned under the Fourth Five Year Plan.

(b) The set up under the Project is as under :

Main Centre : Kasaragod (Kerala)

Regional Centres :

1. Kayangulam (Kerala)
2. Vittal (Mysore)

Sub-Centres :

1. Veppankulam (Tamil Nadu)
2. Razole (A. P.)
3. Andaman Islands
4. Ratnagiri (Maharashtra)