

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHAB P. SHINDE) : (a) and (b). The Steering Group on Agriculture, Irrigation and Allied Sectors and a number of Working Groups/Sub-Working Groups are at present engaged in the formulation of approach to the Fifth-Year Plan and policy issues requiring consideration. The strategy to be adopted for the development of agriculture would emerge from the deliberations of these Groups. In broad terms, the overall strategy for the fifth Plan and the role of agriculture therein have been indicated in the paper "Towards an Approach to the Fifth Plan" prepared by the Planning Commission and recently considered by the National Development Council. The paper lays stress on orienting the production policy to increasing availabilities of essential goods such as foodgrains including pulses, edible oils, sugar, etc., in order to provide a minimum level of consumption for the poor and stabilise their prices. The pattern of investment and the composition of output in the Fifth Plan is expected to take into account this aspect. Great emphasis is proposed to be placed on employment intensive programmes, including minor irrigation, soil conservation, area development, special programmes for small and marginal farmers and agricultural labour, etc. Expanded programme of employment generation is proposed to be supplemented by redistributing the means of production in favour of the poor, in part by providing the self-employed with the wherewithal to achieve greater productivity from land and through a programme of land redistribution and other transfers. The desirability of re-orienting and integrating various development and social justice programmes bearing on agriculture has also been mentioned in the paper.

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1113. SHRI SARJOO PANDEY : will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 7681 on the 29th May, 1972 and state :

(a) whether the information asked for therein has since been collected ; and

(b) if so, whether it would be laid on the Table of the House ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL

WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI D. P. YADAV) : (a) and (b). The requisite information is still being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha as soon as possible.

स्वतन्त्रता की 25वीं वर्षगांठ पर भूमिहीन व्यक्तियों को फालतू भूमि का वितरण

1114. श्री महावीरक सिंह शाक्य :
श्री ओंकार लाल बेरवा :

क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या स्वतंत्रता की 25वीं वर्षगांठ के अवसर पर भूमिहीन व्यक्तियों को फालतू भूमि का वितरण किया जायेगा ?

कृषि मन्त्रालय में राज्य मन्त्री (श्री अण्णा-साहब पी० शिन्डे) : अतिरिक्त भूमि का वितरण एक सतत प्रक्रम है। भारत सरकार ने राज्य सरकारों से अतिरिक्त भूमि को शीघ्र वितरित करने का अनुरोध किया है।

Reported faulty working of cargo vessel supplied to Bangladesh

1115. SHRI FATEH SINGH RAO GAE-KWAD :
DR. RANEN SEN :

Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the purchase of the Banglar Doot, a cargo vessel, from the Shipping Corporation of India by the Bangladesh Government has caused a certain amount of resentment in that country because of the faulty working of that vessel ;

(b) if so, the broad outlines thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government of India thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR) : (a) to (c), We have not received any complaint from the Government of Bangladesh regarding the working of the Banglar Doot. Certain news items have, however, appeared in this country regarding defects in the painting of the ship, the pumps not working, and the ship having a