

PLANNING AND IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (PROF. D. P. CHATTOPADHYAYA) : (a) and (b). A team of experts from Rajendra Memorial Research Institute of Medical Sciences, Patna, headed by Dr. R. Vishwanathan conducted a random representative morbidity survey in Dhanbad Jharia Coal Mines Area. It was found that 39.2% of the miners examined had hook-worm infection and 41.97% suffered from anaemia with haemoglobin less than 12 grams. No detailed report of the team has been received.

Agreement with Foreign Countries for exchange of Experts in Agricultural Science

2018. SHRI RAJDEO SINGH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to the reply given SQ 16 on 31st July, 1972 regarding talks on Indo-Egyptian cooperation in Agriculture and state :

(a) whether Egypt is the first country with which India has entered into the agreement for exchange of information and experts in agricultural science and technology for mutual benefit of the two countries ; and

(b) if not, which are the other countries ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE) : (a) and (b). Yes Sir. We have entered into a similar agreement with U. S. S. R. in 1971.

Acquisition of India Office Library in London

2019. SHRI S. C. SAMANTA : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) when India and Pakistan have entered into peace pact and normalization of relations is taking place, whether any efforts are in progress for the acquisition of India office Library at London ;

(b) the progress made in this direction so far ; and

(c) the difficulties still remaining unsolved ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI K. S. RAMASWAMY) : (a) to (c). Draft Agreement for arbitration received from the U. K. Government has been under examination. The context in which discussions regarding the India Office Library

have been taking place, has changed. Renewed discussions between the parties concerned may be necessary.

Crash Programme for Rural Employment in Goa

2020. SHRI PURUSHOTTAM KAKODKAR : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Goa Government is to execute the crash programme for rural employment ; and

(b) if so, whether the Goa Government has decided to create special technical cell for the purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. SHER SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

Steps to obtain Adequate Supplies of Fertilisers

2021. SHRI N. K. SANGHI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is world shortage of fertilisers and, if so, how it is likely to affect India ;

(b) the quantum of fertiliser required to meet the country's needs over that available from indigenous production ; and

(c) whether the commitments made by foreign suppliers against our firm orders will be fully honoured and if not, the steps Government propose to take to obtain adequate supplies ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE) : (a) Yes, Sir. There is relative scarcity of Fertiliser in the world market. This may make it difficult for Government of India to import required quantities at satisfactory prices.

(b) During Kharif 1972, it is expected that the country will require about 8.70 lakh tonnes of N, 2.87 lakh tonnes of P and 1.38 lakh tonnes of K₂O of this 5.64 tonnes of N, 2.42 lakh tonnes of P₂O₅ and 0.75 lakh tonnes of K₂O will be available from the stock in the country and the domestic production. The balance of requirements i. e. 3.06 lakh tonnes of N, 0.45 lakh tonnes of P and 0.63 lakh tonnes K₂O have to be met from imports.