

New Varieties of Cotton Developed by University of Agricultural Science, Bangalore

2044. SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether two new varieties of Cotton developed by the University of Agricultural Science, Bangalore have been released by Union Government ; and

(b) if so, the extent to which it will help India in saving foreign exchange ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE) : (a) The All-India Cotton Workshop held at Surat in June, 1972 had recommended the release of the two new cotton strains hybrid *Varalaxmi* and variety GS-23 evolved by the University of Agricultural Science, Bangalore. These varieties have been recommended for cultivation in Mysore State. As per the present procedures regarding the release of varieties the State Variety Release Committees are competent to release the varieties recommended by the Workshop for their States.

b) Of the above two varieties, *Varalaxmi* hybrid has been found suitable for spinning up to 60s. In a test conducted at one of the mills in Bangalore it has been reported as suitable for replacing Sudan/Egyptian mixings used in that mill.

The saving in foreign exchange will depend on the commercial production and large scale utilization by the textile industry. It is too early to estimate the saving in foreign exchange at this stage.

Scheme for Joint Farming of Surplus Land

2045. SHRI HARI SINGH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state whether Government are adopting a policy of joint farming of all surplus land in the country instead of distribution it to the landless individuals ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE) : It was suggested in the Second and Third Five Year Plans that in the matter of settlement of land acquired in consequence of the application of ceilings, tenants displaced as a result of resumption of land for personal cultivation

farmers with uneconomic holdings and landless workers should receive preference. It was also proposed that settlement should be made, as far as possible, on cooperative lines. The Chief Ministers' Conference which was held on 23rd July, 1972 has recommended that in the matter of distribution of surplus land priority should be given to the landless agricultural workers particularly those belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. They will be encouraged to take up joint farming but will not be compelled to do so.

Steps to preserve Goud (Swamp Deer) from extinction

2046. SHRI HARI SINGH :
SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the Goud (Swamp deer) a rare species in the world, is on the verge of extinction in the country ; and

(b) if so, steps Government propose to check the extinction of goud (Swamp deer) in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. SHER SINGH) : (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

दिल्ली परिवहन का निबंधन अपने हाथ में लेने के बाद से दिल्ली में बस सेवा की स्थिति

2047. श्री हरी सिंह :

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क्या निबंधन और परिवहन मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) दिल्ली परिवहन उपक्रम के दिल्ली परिवहन निगम में बदले जाने के बाद से परिवहन सेवा, यात्रियों की भीड़ तथा कर्मचारियों की सेवा शर्तों के सम्बन्ध में क्या-क्या सुधार किये गये हैं ; और

(ख) यात्रियों की संख्या में हो रही लगातार वृद्धि को देखते हुए दिल्ली की परिवहन सेवा में सुधार करने के लिए सरकार ने क्या कार्यवाही की है ?