

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अण्णा साहेब पी० शिन्दे) : (क) प्रधान मंत्री ने 19 दिसम्बर, 1972 को बिहार के सूखे से प्रभावित कुछेक क्षेत्रों का दाग किया था।

(ख) प्रधान मंत्री ने सूखे की स्थिति को गम्भीर पाया लेकिन केवल बिहार ही इसका शिकार नहीं था।

(ग) राज्य सरकार राज्य के सूखा ग्रस्त क्षेत्रों में आवश्यक और पर्याप्त राहत उपाय करती रही है और कर रही है।

**Loss to DTC during Disturbances in Delhi**

1881 SHRI JAGANNATH MISHRA Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state the total loss to DTC during Shahdara agitation and also during the recent Harijan guls death agitation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, AND IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI OM MEHTA) The Delhi Transport Corporation suffered a loss of about Rs 5 lakhs during these incidents in which 20 of its buses were damaged and 8 were burnt

**Implementation of Report submitted by Rice Milling Committee**

1882 SHRI CHIRANJIB JHA Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the salient features of the report submitted by the Rice Milling Committee and the hurdle in its implementation?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P SHINDE) A statement containing the main conclusions and recommendations of the Committee on Rice Milling and Allied Problems set up by the Food & Nutrition Board in 1968 is laid on the Table of the House [Placed in Library. See No LT-3824/72].

The various recommendations and conclusions of the Committee are under implementation

**Delegations to South East Asian countries to establish Cultural Relations**

1883 SHRI VARKEY GEORGE Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state

(a) the number of official and semi official delegations sent to the South East Asian countries recently to establish cultural relations along with names of such countries and

(b) the impact of these delegations on the said countries?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE & IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI D P YADAV) (a) Five Delegations were sent Of these, 2 Delegations were sent to Indonesia one of which visited Burma also One delegation each was sent to Thailand Philippines and Sri Lanka.

(b) The visits contributed to the propagation of India's cultural heritage in its proper perspective abroad The delegations promoted mutual goodwill and understanding and contributed to exchange of information, knowledge and awareness in the field of performing arts