

Acreege of Land under Tobacco Cultivation in west Bengal and Cooch Behar

6517. SHRI R. N. BARMAN :
SHRI B. K. DASCHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the total acreage of land under tobacco cultivation in West Bengal and in the District of Cooch Behar, separately during the current year ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE) : Area under tobacco for the current year has not yet become available from West Bengal, Area under tobacco during the year 1971-72 in west Bengal and district of Cooch Behar was as follows :—

	area in hectares
West Bengal	12,100
Cooch Behar	8,900

Central aid for Scheme to set up Mini-Zoos in Mysore

6518. SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF.
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state .

(a) whether the State of Mysore has approached the Central Government for financial assistance to the maximum extent of Rs. 84.5 lakhs for the scheme of setting up Mini-Zoos at 16 Centres in the State , and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government hereon ?

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

(b) There is no scheme in this Ministry in the current Plan or the Fifth Five Year to provide financial assistance to mini

zoos. This has been communicated to the Mysore Government.

Import of Dry fish from Bangladesh
6519. SHRI N. TOMBI SINGH

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering the inclusion of dry fish in the list of imports from Bangladesh, if so, when the list is likely to be revised ;

(b) whether the Government are aware that there is considerable smuggling activity in this item especially on the borders of India and Bangladesh, if so, the Government's reaction thereto, and

(c) whether the Government is aware of the large scale consumption of dry fish in the eastern zone, if so, the Government's policy to meet this demand ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE) :

(a) Import of dried fresh water fish—salted or processed—from Bangladesh has already been allowed under Public Notice No. 38/73 dated 20th March, 1973 issued by the Ministry of Commerce

(b) Some allegations to this effect have been received. Arrangements have been made of check smuggling.

(c) Government is aware of this demand and it is expected that the inclusion of dried fish within the scope of the trade arrangements with Bangladesh will help to meet the demand

कारबेट नेशनल पार्क में चीतों की संख्या

6520. श्री एन० एस्० पुरती :
क्या कृषि मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या कारबेट नेशनल पार्क (गढ़वाल और नैनीताल) में चीतो की संख्या, जो वर्ष 1970 में 74 थी, घट कर 46 रह गयी है ,