

(c) The Committee has submitted its recommendations to the Government.

(d) The final decision is being taken in consultation with the State Governments.

Statement

The Committee constituted to examine and resolve the various difficulties in the implementation of the decision to takeover wholesale trade in wheat and rice consisted of the following members:—

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| 1. Union Minister of Agriculture | Chairman |
| 2. Union Minister of Planning | Member |
| 3. Union Minister of Finance | ” |
| 4. Union Minister of State for Agriculture | ” |
| 5. Food Minister of Gujarat | ” |
| 6. Food Minister of Punjab | ” |
| 7. Food Minister of Tamil Nadu | ” |
| 8. Food Minister of Uttar Pradesh | ” |
| 9. Food Minister of West Bengal | ” |

Proposal for National Open University

951. SHRI P. GANGADEB:
SHRI P. M. MEHTA:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to have a National Open University in the country;

(b) if so, when the final decision in this regard is likely to be taken;

(c) whether this Open University will have jurisdiction over the entire

country supplemented by a large programme of Correspondence Courses; and

(d) if so, what will be the other features of the proposed Open University?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (PROF. S. NURUL HASAN): (a) to (d). The proposal is still in the preliminary stages of examination.

The Model Cooperative Dispensary Scheme for Unemployed Doctors.

952. SHRI P. GANGADEB:
SHRI P. M. MEHTA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has commended the Model Co-operative Dispensary Scheme for unemployed doctors launched recently by the Kerala Government;

(b) if so, whether his Ministry are also considering to introduce such Scheme in other States; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI KONDAJJI BASAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir. The Planning Commission have approved the Scheme of the Government of Kerala for the establishment of co-operative dispensaries for unemployed doctors under the Special Employment Programme. The Government of Kerala have proposed to open eleven co-operative dispensaries, one in each district as a pilot project in 1972-73.

(b) and (c). At the last meeting of the Central Council of Health held on the 30th January—1st February, 1973, the State Governments/Union Territories were asked to take advantage

of the Special Employment Programmes of the Planning Commission as the Kerala Government have done.

Demand for Financial Aid for Drought Relief in Gulbarga and Bidapur Areas

953. SHRI DHARAMRAO
AFZALPURKAR:

SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of local families are rushing towards in search of employment from Gulbarga and Bidapur areas;

(b) whether the State of Mysore has explained the serious situation and demanded 5 to 6 crores of Rupees monthly, whereas the Central team which has visited earlier has sanctioned only 7.5 crores upto September last; and

(c) if so, the assessment of the Central Second Team after visiting the drought affected areas and suggestions given to provide relief operations and the reaction of Government thereon?

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

(a) The State Government has reported that only 89 families have come to Bangalore in search of work after the present drought started and that arrangements have been made by it to provide work to the drought affected people.

(b) and (c). A Central Study Team visited Mysore in September, 1972 for an on-the-spot study of the situation and to assess the requirements of funds. The State Government requested to allot Rs. 28.96 crores. The team recommended a ceiling of Rs. 7.75 crores.

Another Central Team has visited the State in January, 1973, before

whom the State Government has placed a demand of Rs. 77.45 crores for the current financial year and Rs. 150.55 crores upto the end of September, 1973. The Team's report is awaited.

चीनी के उत्पादन में वृद्धि

954. श्री रामावतार शास्त्री :

श्रीमती ज्योत्सना चन्दा :

क्या कृषि मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या इस वर्ष चीनी के उत्पादन में पिछले वर्ष की तुलना में वृद्धि हुई है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो दोनों वर्षों के तुलनात्मक आंकड़े क्या हैं ; और

(ग) चीनी के बढ़ते हुए उत्पादन को ध्यान में रखते हुए क्या सरकार का विचार चीनी के मूल्य में कमी करने का है और यदि नहीं तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (प्रो० शेर सिंह) : (क) जी हां

(ख) 1972-73—23.30 लाख मीटरी टन (15-2-73 को) / 1971-72 19.90 लाख मी० टन (15-2-72 को) ।

(ग) लेबी चीनी के मूल्य में किसी प्रकार की कटौती करने की सम्भावना नहीं है क्योंकि यह मूल्य निकासी मूल्य पर आधारित है जो कि टैरिफ आयोग द्वारा अभिप्रस्तावित लागत अनुसूचियों के आधार पर निर्धारित किए जाते हैं। खुले बाजार में बिक्री की चीनी के भाव धीरे धीरे नीचे आ सकते हैं बशर्त कि इससे भी अधिक चीनी का उत्पादन होता है।