

**News item captioned "Jobless in Mustard Oil Units Feared" in Sunday Standard dated 1-4-1973**

8661 SHRI R. N. BARMAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the news item of 'Sunday Standard' of 1st April, 1973 under the caption "Jobless in mustard oil units feared" stating that about 2,500 persons employed by mustard oil producing ghani unit might be rendered jobless if Vanaspati Manufacturers were allowed to use oil in their products,

(b) whether this crisis will arise due to stoppage of Canadian rapeseeds, which provides a substitute of mustard oil to West Bengal,

(c) if so, what advance steps Government propose to take to provide jobs for these persons who will become jobless in West Bengal, and

(d) the extent to which it will effect the economy of West Bengal and the total number of persons likely to become jobless?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF SHER SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. However, the fears expressed in it are considered unfounded.

(b) Import of Canadian rapeseed was arranged for the first time in 1970-71 as a purely temporary measure with a view to relieving the overall shortage of edible oils in the country. There is, therefore, no connection between the continuance or stoppage of these imported supplies and the functioning of the mustard oil units in any particular State. As it happens, a monthly allotment of 2,000 tonnes of imported rapeseed continues to be made to West Bengal.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

**Free-Cancer Home for Rural Patients at Thakurpur, Calcutta**

8662. SHRI R. N. BARMAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state

(a) whether a Free Cancer Home for rural patients is going to be set up at Thakurpur, Calcutta by a private organisation;

(b) if so, the name of the organisation and broad outlines of the scheme,

(c) the time by which this Free Cancer Home will start functioning, and

(d) the type of assistance Government propose to offer to this organisation (i.e., Monetary or otherwise)?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI KONDAJJJ BASAPPA) (a) to (d). Information has been called for from the State Government and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha when received.

**Setting up District Depots for immediate supplies of Fertilisers to Farmers**

8663 SHRI R N BARMAN.

SHRI B K DASCHOW-DHURY

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state whether the Ministry propose to maintain a sort of District Depots under the supervision of the Fertilizer Corporation of India, from where immediate supplies of fertiliser may be made to agriculturists against payment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P SHINDE): No, Sir. This Ministry have no such proposal under consideration.

The State Governments are responsible for organising fertiliser distribution within the States and have been canalising all imported fertilisers, received from the Central Gov-