

is taken against such drivers and conductors. The owners of private buses engaged by D.T.C., whose drivers are found not stopping buses at proper bus stands, are issued with notices to show cause why penalty should not be imposed on them in accordance with the terms of the hiring agreements.

Locust invasion

1791. SHRI RAM PRAKASH:
DR. H. P. SHARMA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the fact that locust will invade India early this year; and

(b) if so, the remedial measures taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE): (a) and (b). Press Reports appeared sometime back regarding the possibility of locust invasion in our country early this year. According to the latest position of locust population in our country and the adjoining countries, the possibility of any locust invasion at present appears remote. The situation is, however, being closely watched. The Locust Control and Warning Organisation under the Directorate of Plant Protection Quarantine and Storage is conducting regular surveys for defection of locust in the desert areas in Rajasthan. Close liaison is also being maintained with other adjoining countries through the F.A.O.

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गे की मात्रा

1792. श्री जगन्नाथ मिश्र : क्या
कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) केन्द्रीय सरकार ने बिहार को
वर्ष 1972-73 में कितना गेहूं दिया था

और उस राज्य ने कितना गेहूं मांगा था,
और

(ख) मांग के अनुसार पूरा गेहूं न
दिये जाने के क्या कारण हैं ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अण्णा साहिब पी० शिन्डे) : (क) और (ख). केन्द्रीय भण्डार में स्टॉक की उपलब्धता, कमी वाले सभी राज्यों की जरूरतों, बाजार में उपलब्धता, मूल्य-स्थिति तथा अन्य संगत तथ्यों को ध्यान में रखकर केन्द्रीय भण्डार से खाद्यान्नों के आवंटन किए जाते हैं। 1972-73 (अप्रैल-मार्च) के दौरान बिहार को 628 हजार मी० टन गेहूं सप्लाई किया गया था जबकि राज्य सरकार की मांग 1,790 हजार मी० टन की थी।

Enquiry into Adulteration of Seeds

1793. SHRI R. P. ULAGANAMBI.
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the seeds which were distributed in Rajasthan were found to be adulterated and the General Secretary of the Rajasthan unit of Farmers' Federation of India has demanded judicial probe into what he described as "biggest treachery with the nation";

(b) whether Dr. Singh, Vice-Chancellor of Pantnagar Agriculture University had asserted that seeds adulteration had been done on a wide scale in the country;

(c) whether Government have made any investigation into the allegation and if so, the results of such investigation; and

(d) whether Government propose to hold an enquiry into these allegations and place the results of the enquiry before the House?