

Cultivation of Sunflowers

8543. SHRI JAGANNATH MISHRA:
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have proposed an ambitious programme to supplement the availability of oil-seeds by extending the cultivation of non-traditional oil seeds, namely sunflower; and

(b) if so, the main features of the plan in this regard?

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is proposed to extent the cultivation of sunflower over an area of 10,60,000 hectares by the end of the Fifth Five Year Plan under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Sunflower Development in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Orissa, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and Punjab. The other main features of the Programme are:—

(i) Propagation of proper techniques of cultivation of the crop to obtain maximum yield per hactare.

(ii) Supply of minikits free of cost to the cultivators containing seed along with seed dressers and literature on package of practices in the first year of the implementation of the programme followed by subsidy on quality seed in the subsequent years.

(iii) Large scale demonstrations to educate the farmers on sunflower cultivation.

(iv) Strengthening of staff.

Allotment of Houses by DDA to Co-operative Societies in Delhi

8544 SHRI ISHWAR CHAUDHRY:
Will the Minister of WORKS AND
HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) the names of those cooperative societies, citizen councils or other such societies to which the Delhi Development Authority had handed over more than 100 houses in Delhi to allot to eligible persons;

(b) the names of the office-bearers of these societies or councils;

(c) whether certain complaints have been received in regard to allotment of these houses by these societies; and

(d) if so, the facts thereof and the outcome of the enquiry conducted in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMEN-
TARY AFFAIRS AND IN THE MIN-
ISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING
(SHRI OM MEHTA): (a) Delhi De-
velopment Authority has not handed
over more than 100 flats to any Co-
operative Society, Citizens' Council or
other Societies for allotment to eligi-
ble persons.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

**Public Distribution System for In-
dustrial Areas and Towns**

8545. SHRI N. SHIVAPPA:

SHRI D. D. DESAI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are con-
sidering that the public distribution
system should be confined to indus-
trial areas and towns; and

(b) if so, whether other areas would be looked after by the normal flow of trade?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P SHINDE) (a) and (b) With the improvement in the availability of foodgrains in the market the offtake from the public distribution system is expected to be on a reduced scale

Shipping Industry facing Crisis

8546 SHRI N SHIVAPPA
SHRI RAGHUNANDAN LAL
BHARGIA

Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state

(a) whether the Shipping Industry is facing crisis and

(b) if so reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE) (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

Wheat Cultivation dependent upon availability of Chemical Fertiliser

8547 SHRI N SHIVAPPA
SHRI P. GANGADEB;

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state

(a) whether production potential of the wheat cultivation area entirely depends on availability of chemical Fertilisers; and

(b) if so, facts thereof?

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

(a) Not entirely but only partly

(b) The production potential of wheat depends upon the availability of a number of inputs like, (1) good seed (2) availability of plant nutrients, of which the fertilisers are intended to supplement what is already present in the soil or what cannot be supplied through organic manure, (3) irrigation water (4) management skill and (5) the absence of diseases and climatic hazards like hail-storm or very hot spells during the grain filling stage or severe frost during flowering. Any one of these when not favourable can prevent the yield potential of wheat being achieved fully. Under normal and favourable conditions of all the other factors the yield potential of wheat increases with the availability of chemical fertilisers. However a shortfall in fertiliser availability can be made up within certain limits by a higher efficiency of fertiliser management by a greater mobilisation of organic manure and by taking steps to increase soil fertility by growing a legume crop with the appropriate rhizobial culture prior to the cultivation of wheat. Irrigation also minimises yield reduction arising from inadequacy of fertilizer

Land given under Lease to YWCA, Delhi

8548 SHRI PILOO MODY Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state

(a) whether the land given under lease to the Young Women's Christian Association, for social welfare purposes, i.e., building a hostel for working women in Delhi (1931) is currently a hot bed of malpractice, nepotism and embezzlement; and

(b) whether there is an unhygienic overcrowding of beds for purely monetary gain and new entrants are being made to pay exorbitant rates?