

January, 1965 with a view to delineating areas with ground water potentiality for development by tubewell irrigation.

(b) Yes. A senior officer of the Exploratory Tubewell Organisation was also deputed to the International Conference on Artificial Recharge and Aquifer Management held at Haifa (Israel) in March, 1967.

(c) Yes. Active contact is being maintained with countries which are advanced in groundwater development, through correspondence, visits and participation in international seminars/conferences.

(d) Yes. The Exploratory Tubewell Organisation will continue to carry out groundwater exploration in different parts of the country during the Fourth Plan. Besides, a Centrally sponsored Scheme for Groundwater Surveys and Investigations has also been approved for implementation by the State Governments during the Fourth Plan. This Scheme will be complementary to the activities of the Exploratory Tubewell Organisation and would be confined to drilling up to a depth of 250 feet only.

Surplus Stock of Bajra in Mysore State

824. Shri Virendrakumar Shah: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of Bajra grown in the State of Mysore per annum since 1961;

(b) whether a surplus stock of Bajra is lying with the Mysore State; and

(c) whether the Central Government propose to supply the surplus Bajra from Mysore to Gujarat, where there is a heavy demand?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Anandji Shinde): (a) The produc-

tion of bajra in Mysore State since 1960-61 has been as under:—

(The figures are in thousand tonnes)

1960-61	120
1961-62	100
1962-63	120
1963-64	154
1964-65	113
1965-66	85

(b) and (c) Some surplus has been declared by the State Government and has been allotted to deficit States including Gujarat. No report of further surplus lying with the Mysore State has so far been received. If any further surplus is offered by Mysore Government, the question of supplying a part or whole of it to Gujarat will be considered.

गन्ने की खेती

825. श्री रबी राय :

श्री राम सेवक यादव :

श्री बघु लिवडे :

श्री मोहन प्रसाद :

श्री महाराज सिंह भारती :

श्री जार्ज करनगोबिंद :

क्या लाख तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को पता है कि इस वर्ष पानी न मिलने के कारण गन्ने की खेती नहीं की जा सकती है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या उनके मंत्रालय ने सिचाई और विद्युत् मंत्रालय को कोई विशय उपाय प्रपनाने को कहा है ?

लाख, कृषि, सामुदायिक विकास तथा सहकार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री प्रजासाहिब सिन्घे) : (क) चालू वर्ष में मौसम की स्थिति अनुकूल नहीं रही है और पता चला है कि प्रमुख रूप से गन्ना पैदा करने वाले क्षेत्रों विशेषतया बिहार और उत्तर प्रदेश में पर्याप्त वर्षा होने के कारण बुवाई पर कुप्रभाव पड़ा है ।

(ब) जी नहीं। छोटी सिंचाई योजनाओं विनये गन्ने की फसल भी जाती है, के लिए केन्द्रीय सहायता दी जा रही है।

(c) whether that target was achieved; and

(d) if not, the actual production of coconut during the Third Plan?

Prices of Foodgrains

226. Shri P. Gopalan:
Shri Viswanatha Menon:
Shri K. M. Abraham:
Shri P. P. Eshoo:
Shri Ummath:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the criticism in a section of the Press that Food Corporation of India has failed to bring down the prices of foodgrains; and

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

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasaheb Shinde): (a) and (b). It has not been possible to locate any such specific criticism in the Press. In any case, the Food Corporation of India has so far been entrusted only with the work of procurement on behalf of Government and not with any large scale open market purchase and sale of foodgrains. It is, therefore, too early to expect the operations of the Food Corporation of India to have appreciable effect on the open market prices.

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasaheb Shinde): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and would be placed on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

Supply of Paddy by Orissa to Bihar

228. Shri Chintamani Panigrahi: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Orissa Government has agreed to supply 10,000 tonnes of paddy to the Bihar Government and 20,000 tonnes of paddy to the West Bengal Government directly; and

(b) if so, the rates of their supply?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Annasaheb Shinde): (a) The Government of Orissa have agreed to supply 20,000 tonnes paddy to Bihar for seed purposes. There is no proposal for supply of any paddy to West Bengal, though rice is being supplied to West Bengal from Orissa according to Central allocation.

(b) Rates of paddy to be charged from Bihar are still under consideration of the Government of Orissa.

Coconut Production in Orissa

227. Shri Chintamani Panigrahi: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the target of annual production of coconut fixed for Orissa State for the Fourth Plan;

(b) whether any such target was fixed for Orissa for the Third Plan and if so, what;

Damage to Crops in Orissa (1946-47)

229. Shri Chintamani Panigrahi:
Shri A. Dipa:
Shri Dhirendranath:
Shri F. K. Das:
Shri K. P. Singh Das:
Shri G. C. Naik:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any report from the Orissa