

(b) The extent to which these mutants could help in augmenting agricultural production can be known only after all the critical tests are completed.

(c) Apart from the breeding of improved varieties with radiations, atomic energy is used in insect sterilization, pest control and disinfection of foodgrains and for the preservation of foodgrain, fruit, fish and other food stuffs.

अम्बरनाथ आयुध कारखाने के निकट खेती वाली भूमि

3766. श्री बसवन्त : क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या अम्बरनाथ (महाराष्ट्र) में आयुध कारखाने के निकट खेती वाली कोई भूमि है; और

(ख) क्या 'अधिक अनाज उपजाओ अभियान' के अन्तर्गत सहकारी समितियों के माध्यम से इस कारखाने के कर्मचारियों के परिवारों को यह भूमि देने का सरकार का विचार है अथवा उन किसानों की सहकारी समितियों को यह भूमि दी जायेगी, जिनकी भूमि अजित की गई थी ?

प्रतिरक्षा मंत्रालय में (प्रतिरक्षा उत्पादन) राज्य मंत्री (श्री ल० ना० मिश्र) : (क) जी हां, अम्बरनाथ की दो आर्डेन्स फैक्ट्रियों की सम्पत्तियों के अन्तर्गत ।

(ख) भूमि फैक्टरी के कर्मचारियों की एक सहकारी कृषि समिति को दी गई है। इस समिति ने रजिस्ट्रेशन के लिए प्रार्थना-पत्र भेजा हुआ है।

NEWS BROADCAST FOR A.I.R. STATION CALCUTTA ABOUT DEHOARDING OPERATIONS

3767. SHRI B. K. DASCHOWDHURY : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that on the 21st September, 1967, All India Radio,

Calcutta Station announced in the course of local news that in dehoarding drive for rice and wheat in Cooch-Bihar, eight thousand quintals of rice were found;

(b) the agency through which the A.I.R., Calcutta Station collected the above information; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the above information was incorrect and was transmitted without ascertaining the true facts?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. K. SHAH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The news was supplied by the Director of Information, Government of West Bengal.

(c) Does not arise.

RECRUITMENT OF SCHEDULED CASTES AND SCHEDULED TRIBES TO ARMED FORCES

3768. SHRI P. R. THAKUR : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that direct recruitment to Defence Services is made through the annual examinations conducted by the Union Public Service Commission;

(b) whether it is also a fact that out of at least eight thousand boys who were recommended by the Commission for appointment to the Defence Services as Cadet during the last 15 years, only 14/15 Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes boys were recommended for such appointment; and

(c) if so, the reason for the low percentage in direct recruitment and appointments to Armed Forces of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes?

THE DEFENCE MINISTER (SHRI SWARAN SINGH): (a) Recruitment of Commissioned Officers to the Armed Forces is made through examinations conducted by the Union Public Service Commission followed by interviews held by Services Selection Boards in the case of some entries and through interviews