

द्वारा बेचे जा रहे हैं। इससे पहले कि एक नई किस्म आम खेती के लिए रिलीज की जाए इसका 2-3 साल तक परीक्षण किया जाता है। इनमें से कुछ परीक्षण किसानों के खेतों में भी किए जाते हैं। कुछ किसानों ने ऐसे परीक्षणों का लाभ उठाया और परीक्षण के लिए दिए गए बीजों से बीज वर्द्धन का आयोजन स्वयं किया और रिलीज होने से पहले ही दूसरों को बेचना शुरू कर दिया ऐसे कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं कि भविष्य में ऐसी बातें न हो सकें।

डाक की दरों में कमी

351. श्री रघुबीर सिंह शास्त्री : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताते की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का विचार डाक की दरों में कमी करने का है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

संसद-कार्य विभाग तथा संचार विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री इ० कु० गुजराल) :

(क) इस समय ऐसा कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

(ख) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता।

SUGAR & RICE QUOTA FOR DELHI

352. SHRI HARDAYAL DEVGUN :
SHRI BAL RAJ MADHOK :

Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Delhi Metropolitan Council has approached the Central Government for increase in sugar and rice quota of Delhi; and

(b) if so, the action taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The quota of sugar was raised to 63,000 quintals per month from 60,000 in

September, 1967. Due to low availability of rice with the Centre during the past few months, the rice quantum of ration in Delhi had to be reduced. As soon as sufficient stocks are built up, the restoration of the cut will be considered.

STATE TRADING IN TRACTORS AND SPARE PARTS

353. SHRI RANDHIR SINGH : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to take over the sale of tractors and spare-parts in their hands through the State Trading Corporation and make available tractors and spare parts to the farmers at reasonable prices so that an incentive may be made available to them to increase food-production in the country; and

(b) if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) and (b). 2,000 Zetor-2011 tractor will be imported from Czechoslovakia through the State Trading Corporation and these will be distributed through the Agro-Industries Corporations in various States. The proposal to entrust the import and distribution of Russian tractors to the Agro-Industries Corporations in various States is under consideration. The spare parts for Zetor-2011 tractors will be imported by the State Trading Corporation and sold through these Corporations. As imports from other sources are insignificant there is no proposal to extend such a scheme to all imported tractors. Tractors manufactured in the country are distributed through agents appointed by the manufacturers.

PRICES OF FERTILISERS

354. SHRI RANDHIR SINGH : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the present high price of the fertiliser is a great disincentive to the farmers well beyond their reach in order to increase food-production in the country;