

these tubewells in increasing agricultural production and with a view to having some idea about the quantitative potential and the quality of water.

I.L.O. SEMINAR

2087. SHRI BIBHUTI MISHRA : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the 'Patriot' dated the 27th August, 1967 regarding 'Indian Team for I.L.O. Seminar';

(b) whether it is a fact that the Chief Labour Commissioner, Government of India and two other delegates attended that Seminar at Copenhagen;

(c) the total foreign exchange spent on them; and

(d) the advantages accrued to India by their attending the Seminar ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI HATHI) : (a) and (b). Yes.

(c) No foreign exchange expenditure was incurred by the Government of India.

(d) The I.L.O. had organised the Seminar on Salaries and Wages. The Indian participants were able to exchange their experience in this field with those who came from 15 other developing countries as also to learn of policy and practices prevailing in these countries as also in Denmark which was the host country.

FACILITIES TO FARMERS IN DROUGHT AFFECTED AREAS

2088. DR. P. MANDAL : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the facilities being given to the farmers in the drought affected areas and places where irrigation facilities do not exist upto this time; and

(b) the amount spent during the current year so far and that likely to be spent during the current Plan period from year to year on such facilities ?

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

(a) The outlay on minor irrigation works has been increased substantially, especially in the drought-affected areas and areas with little or no irrigation facility. As against a total outlay of Rs. 60 crores in the First Plan, the outlay in the Second and Third Plans rose to Rs. 140 crores and Rs. 368 crores respectively. During the period 1966-67 to 1970-71 a total outlay of Rs. 760 crores including Rs. 200 crores from the Co-operative Sector is proposed to be made. New irrigation potential of 18.70 million acres was created during the proceeding three Plan periods and the corresponding target is 12 million acres during the period 1966-67 to 1970-71. Emphasis has increasingly been placed on private minor irrigation works and individual farmers have been assisted with loans and subsidies. The future strategy is to encourage private irrigation works, particularly private tubewells and acquisition of diesel and electric pumpsets by individual farmers. In addition to co-operative loans, State Agro-industries Corporations are endeavouring to promote a programme of hire-purchase of pumpsets.

(b) The actual expenditure in the current year will only be known at the end of the year. However, the total outlay for the current year in the G.M.F. Sector is Rs. 102.80 crores and a further outlay of Rs. 65 crores is likely to be available from the Co-operative Sector.

VANASPATI PRODUCTION

2089. SHRI RAM AVTAR SHARMA :
SHRI Y. S. KUSHWAH :
SHRI NATHU RAM AHIRWAR :
SHRI G. C. DIXIT
SHRI HUKAM CHAND KACHWAI :

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

(a) whether the review undertaken by Government on policy regarding the

setting up of new units for Vanaspati production has since been completed; and

(b) if so, whether any decision has been taken with regard to the application of the M.P. State Industries Corporation for setting up of a 7,500 tonnes of Vanaspati Oil plant in their existing Cotton Solvent Extraction Plant ?

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

(a) The matter is still under consideration.

(b) No, Sir.

FOREST RESOURCES IN KERALA

2090. SHRI C. K. CHAKRAPANI :
SHRIMATI SUSEELA
GOPALAN :
SHRI K. M. ABRAHAM :
SHRI E. K. NAYANAR :

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

(a) whether Government have considered the recommendations made in the report submitted by the World Bank Expert Team regarding the development and proper utilization of forest resources in Kerala; and

(b) if so, the decision taken on the recommendation ?

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

(a) Yes, Sir. Two members, both from F.A.O./I.B.R.D. Mission who visited Kerala last year, commented favourably on the success of the plantations of fast growing species in Kerala which they visited and also on the possibilities of their serving as a source of raw material for wood-based industries. The 'Always' project has been identified by the Mission in their report as showing 'sufficient promise to justify further investigation'.

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(b) The Government of India have since considered this part of the Mission's report and feel that Indian experts should be able to prepare the feasibility report for this project without the help of foreign expertise. After the preparation of this report, it will be considered if assistance from foreign sources is necessary.

सुपर बाजार नई दिल्ली में ट्रांजिस्टरों की बिक्री

2091. श्री रामावतार शास्त्री : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सुपर बाजार, नई दिल्ली में छोटे ट्रांजिस्टर रेडियो की बिक्री की व्यवस्था है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो वहां पर प्रत्येक मास ऐसे कितने ट्रांजिस्टर बेचे जाते हैं और उसके फलस्वरूप कितनी आय होती है;

(ग) क्या इन ट्रांजिस्टरों में इस्तेमाल होने वाले बैटरी के सैल सुपर बाजार में उपलब्ध नहीं हैं; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो उपभोक्ताओं की कठिनाइयों को ध्यान में रखते हुए क्या सरकार ने बैटरी सैलों की नियमित सप्लाई के प्रबन्ध किये हैं ?

खाद्य, कृषि, सामुदायिक विकास तथा सहकार मंत्रालय में राज्य-मंत्री (श्री एम० एस० गुरुपदस्वामी) : (क) जी हां ।

(ख) प्रत्येक मास औसतन 3,40,000 रुपए के मूल्य के 4,000 ट्रांजिस्टर बेचे जाते हैं ।

(ग) ट्रांजिस्टर बेचते समय बैटरी सैल दिये जाते हैं । जहां तक पुराने सैल बदलने के लिए नए सैल सुलभ करने का प्रश्न है, हाल के महीनों में सारी मांग पूरी करने के लिए पर्याप्त सप्लाई प्राप्त नहीं हुई है ।

(घ) सरकार ने उपभोक्ता सहकारी समितियों को सैल सप्लाई करने के बारे में दो