

recommended for the year 1968-69. It was felt that with this beginning it might be possible to rehabilitate 10,000 acres of Teak Forests during the Plan period. (The pattern of Central Assistance for this scheme is 20 per cent grant and 30 per cent loan).

- (ii) For "Farm Forestry" scheme, although no provision was proposed by the State Government for 1968-69, a sum of Rs. 3 lakhs was recommended as Central assistance for this scheme during 1968-69.
- (iii) It has not been possible for the Government of India to agree to an upward revision of the present rate of assistance upto Rs. 200 per acre for the scheme of "Quick Growing Species".

#### Buffer stocks of foodgrains

6383. SHRI HIMATSINGKA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the scheme to build the buffer stock of 3 million tons is being reduced; and

(b) if so, to what extent and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

#### Aid for Almora Project

6384. SHRI HIMATSINGKA:  
SHRI BAL RAJ MADHOK:  
SHRI ONKAR LAL BERWA:

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

(a) the details of the Project inaugurated in Almora with F.A.O. and German collaboration indicating the

acreage of the farm to be set up, the nature of crops to be cultivated there and the major extent of foreign aid expected under the project; and

(b) the foreign exchange content of this project and how much of the profits arising from there are proposed to be repatriated by the foreign collaborators?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) Under the Indo-German F.A.O. Project inaugurated at Almora on the 4th March, 1968, it is proposed to cover initially an area of about 4,000 acres of irrigated land lying in three development blocks of Garur, Bageshwar and Kapkote in the District of Almora. All the farm families in the selected area will be covered under the project. High Yielding Varieties of paddy, wheat and potato are being introduced in the project area. Arrangements are being made to ensure necessary supplies of seeds, fertilizers, plant protection equipment, agricultural implements and machinery as well as extension and improvement of irrigation facilities. Training of farmers and popularisation of improved methods of cultivation through demonstrations of package of practices will also be undertaken.

The Government of Federal Republic of Germany will make available 1070 tonnes of fertilizers of the value of DMs. 271.510 i.e. about Rs. 5.1 lakhs during 1967-68. There are indications that the West German Government might extend further assistance in the shape of means of production, machinery and their experts to develop above project into a full-fledged project during the next 2-3 years.

(b) The scheme as envisaged at present does not involve any foreign exchange expenditure to the Government of India or Government of Uttar Pradesh. The fertilizers made available by the Federal Republic of Ger-

many will be in the nature of gift. As such the question of repatriation of profit does not arise.

### Mango Farming

6385. SHRI SHIV CHANDRA JHA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any programme for the scientific farming of mango;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the past a number of research schemes on mango were financed by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research on various aspects of crop production and results obtained were also tested on pilot basis under a scheme 'Scheme for the trials on improved cultural and manurial practices in fruits' in certain selected States.

Results of research were passed on to State Governments for dissemination.

Recently an All India Co-ordination Research Project on fruits including mango, has been formulated. This project will tackle a wide variety of production problems and thus would go a long way in the scientific farming of mango.

(c) Does not arise.

### Trade Unions under influence of political parties

6386. SHRI SHIV CHANDRA JHA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the names and number of trade unions in India which are under the influence of political parties;

(b) which they are and under which political party's influence they are;

(c) the total membership of those political party-affiliated trade unions, separately;

(d) the number of recognized trade unions which are not under the influence of any party in the country and their total membership; and

(e) the financial status of the recognized trade unions, both under and not under any party's influence?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI HATHI): (a) Government do not have the information.

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

### Arrest of Poachers by Delhi Zoo Authorities

6387. SHRI M. L. SONDH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a gang of three armed poachers was held recently after a hot pursuit by Delhi Zoo officials;

(b) whether the said gang has been responsible for the missing of birds from Delhi Zoo; and

(c) the safeguards which are being taken to provide security to the birds in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) A party shooting at the migratory birds flying out of Delhi Zoo pond was recently caught outside the Zoo premises by the officials of the Zoo with the help of the police.

(b) No birds belonging to the Delhi Zoo have been found missing. How-