

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) The installed capacity of the sugar factories in Kerala State is 0.34 lakh tonnes and the sugar produced by them during 1966-67 season was 10,244 tonnes.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Efforts are being made by the State Govt. and the factories to increase the production of sugarcane. The State Govt. has allotted some forest land to the Mannam Cooperative Sugar Mills for direct cultivation. The higher price for cane paid in the current season is also expected to provide an incentive for increasing the supplies of sugarcane to the factories next year.

CENTRAL WAREHOUSING CORPORATION

3196. SHRI VASUDEVAN NAIR : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of staff working on deputation in the Central Warehousing Corporation with their names, designation and duration of deputation ;

(b) the saving to the Central Warehousing Corporation if the staff on deputation is replaced by recruiting/promoting direct employees; and

(c) the steps taken to replace the staff by the Central Warehousing Corporation's own staff ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [*Placed in Library. See No. LT—385/68.*]

(b) Savings to the Central Warehousing Corporation worked on this basis alone would be both hypothetical and misleading as it will not take into account the overall operational efficiency of the Corporation which can be achieved by employing experienced and mature personnel in certain fields of its activities.

(c) This question has been under constant review and decisions are taken from time to time, in keeping with the interest of the Central Warehousing Corporation.

किसानों को ट्रांजिस्टर निःशुल्क बितरण करने की योजना

3197. श्री राम चन्द्र बीरप्पा : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कृषि को बढ़ावा देने तथा खेती के आधुनिक तरीकों को लोकप्रिय बनाने की दृष्टि से सरकार ने किसानों को ट्रांजिस्टर मुफ्त देने की एक योजना तैयार की है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

खाद्य, कृषि, सामुदायिक विकास तथा सहकार मन्त्रालय में राज्य मन्त्री (श्री अन्नासाहिब शिन्दे) : (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न ही नहीं होता ।

बहादुरगंज में डाकघर की इमारत

3198. श्री लखन लाल कपूर : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि बिहार में पूर्णिया जिले में बहादुरगंज में डाकघर की इमारत बहुत पुरानी है और जीर्णोद्धार में है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो वहां पर एक नई इमारत कब बन जाने की संभावना है ?

संसद्-कार्य तथा संचार विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री इ० कु० गुज्राल) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) इमारत को फिर से बनाने का काम 1968-69 के दौरान शुरू किये जाने की संभावना है ।