

experts is being set up by Government to consider the problem of legislators changing their allegiance from one party to another and their frequent crossing of the floor in all its aspects and make recommendations in this regard. The question of introducing legislation will arise only after the recommendations of the Committee are known.

FALL IN SUGAR OUTPUT DURING 1967-68

513. SHRI YASHPAL SINGH:
SHRI PRAKASH VIR
SHASTRI:
SHRI D. B. RAJU:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a steep fall in sugar output in the country during 1967-68;

(b) if so, the shortage of sugar in each State;

(c) the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to meet the shortage of sugar in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) No, Sir. The production of sugar during 1967-68 upto 7th February, 1968, was 14.22 lakh tonnes as against 14.10 lakh tonnes upto the same date last year.

(b) to (d) As in the last year, sugar will be in short supply during 1967-68. The policy of partial decontrol introduced by Government is designed to raise the effective price of sugarcane and thereby step up its production and therefore of sugar.

WHEAT RATIONING IN DELHI

514. SHRI YASHPAL SINGH:
SHRI SHARDA NAND:

SHRI R. S. VIDYARTHI:
SHRI HUKAM CHAND
KACHWAI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Administration have approached the Central Government to end wheat rationing in the capital; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) The Chief Executive Councillor, Delhi has made a suggestion that indigenous wheat only may be decontrolled.

(b) This can be considered only when the availability of indigenous wheat in free market can be assured.

गन्ने का मूल्य

515. श्री इन्द्रजीत मल्होत्रा :
श्री रामसेवक यादव :
श्री महाराज सिंह भारती :
डॉ० सूर्य प्रकाश पुरी :
श्री प्रकाशवीर शास्त्री :
श्री राजजी राय :
श्री शिवकुमार शास्त्री :

क्या साक्ष तथा कृषि मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार द्वारा गन्ने का न्यूनतम मूल्य कम निर्धारित किये जाने के कारण किसान लोग गन्ने की खेती के क्षेत्र को बढ़ाने के लिये तैयार नहीं हैं; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार का गन्ने के न्यूनतम मूल्य को बढ़ाने का विचार है ?