

opening of seed processing plants is suffering tremendously ;

(c) whether Government propose to make available such equipment indigenously ; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAGJIWAN RAM) : (a) Processing of seed, which includes proper drying, cleaning, treating and bagging helps preserve viability. Processing is all the more necessary in case of seeds of hybrid and other high-yielding varieties.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) As a result of the efforts already made to develop indigenous manufacture of seed processing equipments, most of the equipments required for processing plants are now being manufactured within the country.

(d) Does not arise.

Sugar Production in U.P.

8485. SHRI CHENGALRAYA NAIDU : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the sugar out-put in Uttar Pradesh has gone up this year ;

(b) if so, the production in Uttar Pradesh this year ; and

(c) how far the high production of sugar in the State will ease the sugar shortage in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAGJIWAN RAM) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The production of sugar in Uttar Pradesh during the current year up to 14th April, 1968, has been 8.11 lakh tonnes as against 7.09 lakh tonnes up to the corresponding date last year.

(c) This has helped in giving additional releases to the extent of 34,000 tonnes per month for the periods March-April and April-May this year.

Agriculture Development Plan

8486. SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that an Indica-

tive World Plan for agricultural development is being prepared ;

(b) if so, whether India has agreed to co-operate with it ;

(c) if so, the benefits which India expects out of that Indicative World Plan ; and

(d) if not, the total assistance given by the F.A.O. so far in one form or another and the expected assistance, if any, for the Fourth Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAGJIWAN RAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d). The Indicative World Plan for Agricultural Development being formulated by the F.A.O. is expected to provide *inter alia* :

(i) an international frame of reference which would help Governments to formulate and implement their agricultural policies ;

(ii) a useful basis for attempting to reconcile the conflicts of production and trade policies between countries ; and

(iii) guidance to both recipient and donor countries and organisations with respect to international aid to agriculture.

To the developing countries including India, the Plan is expected to provide a reasoned guide to action by Governments, bringing into focus some of the key policy issues faced by these countries in the planning of their agricultural development.

Modern Bakeries (India) Ltd., Madras

8487. SHRI S. A. AGADI : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Modern Bakeries (India) Limited, Madras is marketing fortified milk bread as advertised in the newspapers ;

(b) if so, the quantity of lysine and milk used in the manufacture of fortified milk bread ;

(c) whether there is any proposal to direct private bakeries to manufacture