

print inland letter forms without the embossed stamps in Madras, Maharashtra, Delhi and West Bengal;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether those inland letter forms now printed in those States will be permitted to be printed in their respective regional languages; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) Yes.

(b) In order to meet the increased demand of the public.

(c) and (d). In accordance with the present policy of the Government these are printed bilingually viz. in Hindi and English to conform to the general pattern of the inland letter card of standard design.

Government Seeds Farms

5489. SHRI G. S. MISHRA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of seeds of high yielding varieties imported this year and its break-up; and

(b) the number of Government seeds farms, locations, type and quantity of seeds produced on an average annually?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) No seeds of high yielding varieties were imported during 1967-68.

(b) Under the Scheme for "Multiplication and Distribution of Improved Seeds—Setting up of Seed Farms", about 4,000 seed farms of various

sizes have been set up in the country by the States since the beginning of the Second Five Year Plan. These farms are mostly located at the block level and are of different sizes. These are primarily intended for production of foundation seeds of local varieties. Information about the quantity of seeds produced, on an average, annually on these farms is not readily available.

Opening of Telephone Exchange at Veeraghattam (Andhra Pradesh)

5490. SHRI V. NARASIMHA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the question of opening of 20 lines Telephone Exchange at Veeraghattam, in Srikakulam District, Andhra Pradesh is under examination since 1966;

(b) whether any decision has been taken in the matter; and

(c) if not, when a final decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) Yes.

(b) and (c). It is proposed to open a 25 line Automatic exchange at Veeraghattam. Sanction to this proposal will be issued shortly by the Postmaster-General Hyderabad.

ट्रेडरों का आयात

5491. श्री रामचन्द्र बीरप्पा: क्या साहब तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वर्ष 1962 से लेकर 1967 तक की अवधि में बि. प्र. देशों से कितने ट्रेडर प्राप्त हुए हैं; और

(ख) ये ट्रैक्टर किन-किन राज्यों को दिये गये ?

लाघ, कृषि, सामुदायिक विकास तथा सहकार मन्त्रालय में राज्य मन्त्री (श्री अन्नासाहिब शिन्दे): (क) वर्ष 1962-63 से 1967-68 (अक्टूबर, 1967 तक) तक विभिन्न देशों से 14,644 ट्रैक्टर आयात किये गये।

(ख) व्यापार माध्यम से ट्रैक्टर आयात किये गये और उनका राज्यवार निर्धारण नहीं किया गया फिर भी सन् 1966 में ट्रैक्टरों की गणना के अनुसार देश में लगभग 53,121 ट्रैक्टर थे। इन ट्रैक्टरों का राज्यवार वितरण सभा पटल पर रखा है। [पुस्तकालय में रख दिया। देखिये संख्या LT—645/68]

Burma Repatriates

5492. SHRI KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 7522 on the 2nd August, 1967 and state:

(a) whether the discussion with the Burma Government regarding the compensation for the properties of the Burmese repatriates are over;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT AND REHABILITATION (SHRI D. R. CHAVAN): (a) and (b). During his visit to Rangoon in January this year, the Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs discussed the question with the Burmese authorities. Our Ambassador in Rangoon is now pursuing the matter in the light of those discussions.

(c) The matter involves certain

issues which require further discussion. There is, therefore, no question of delay.

सोयाबीन की खेती

5493. श्री हुषम चन्द कछवाय : क्या लाघ तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि 1968-69 के अन्त तक देश में सोयाबीन का कितना उत्पादन होने का अनुमान है ?

लाघ, कृषि, सामुदायिक विकास तथा सहकार मन्त्रालय में राज्य मन्त्री (श्री अन्नासाहिब शिन्दे): सोयाबीन के उत्पादन का अखिल भारतीय स्तर पर कोई अनुमान तैयार नहीं किया जाता। फिर भी, यह त्रिदित है कि कई राज्यों में, और विशेषकर उत्तरी हिमालाई क्षेत्रों में स्थानीय खपत हेतु सीमित मात्रा में सोयाबीन बोया जाता है।

Rathibathi and Kuardih Collieries in Asansol

5494. SHRI BHAGABAN DAS:
SHRI JYOTIRMOY BASU:
SHRI MOHAMMAD ISMAIL:
SHRI GANESH GHOSH:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the deteriorating labour-employer relations in Rathibathi and Kuardih Collieries in Asansol;

(b) whether Government's attention has also been drawn to the statement made by the team of Members of Parliament which visited the area on or about the 17th January, 1968;

(c) whether any enquiry has been made on that basis; and

(d) if so, the results thereof?