

(c) Accounts in respect of calendar year 1966 have been prepared and audited except in the case of two unions.

(d) Yes. But they do not generally submit annual returns by the due date as required under Section 28 of the Trade Unions Act, 1926.

#### DEVELOPMENT OF SUGAR INDUSTRY

2164. SHRI B. N. SHASTRI : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a progressive rise in the development of sugar industry, in the States of Gujarat and Maharashtra and deterioration in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps which Government have taken up or propose to take to arrest the deterioration in sugar industry in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) to (c). There has been a progressive

rise in the installed capacity in Maharashtra, Gujarat, U.P. & Bihar. This rise has been more marked in Maharashtra due to certain favourable agro-climatic factors. Recently the set-back in production of sugar in U.P & Bihar was due to shortage of cane following drought conditions. The position is likely to improve next year.

#### CENTRAL WAREHOUSES IN NIZAMABAD (ANDHRA PRADESH)

2165. SHRI M. N. REDDY : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the number, storage capacity and cost of the Central Warehouses recently constructed in Nizamabad and Bodhan, Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether the Food Corporation of India, Nizamabad is making use of the full capacity of these godowns; and

(c) the amount of rent charged or accounted for the storage of foodgrains in these godowns ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a)

	Number	Storage Capacity in Tonnes	Estimated cost in Rs.
(i) Nizamabad (Sarangpur)	4	17,500	31.50 lakhs
(ii) Bodhan Constructed for exclusive use of F.C.I.	4	20,000	36.00 lakhs
(iii) Nizamabad General warehouse used by various other depositors, excluding F.C.I., such as Co-operatives, producers, traders, etc.	3	5,300	8.50 lakhs

(b) The Food Corporation of India has given a guarantee for full utilisation of the godowns at (i) and (ii) above. The occupancy of (iii) above was 99% at the end of January, 1968.

(c) On the basis of the guarantee the total storage charges (not rent) payable by F.C.I. come to Rs. 43,750/- per month for the godowns at Nizamabad (Sarangpur) and Rs. 50,000/- per month for the godowns at Bodhan.