

खाद्य, कृषि, सामुदायिक विकास तथा सहकार मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री श्यामधर मिश्र) : (क) से (ग). एक विवरण सभा पटल पर रखा गया है [पुस्तकालय में रखा गया बैल्निये संख्या एल० टी०—5707/66]

#### Import of Tractors by M.P.

**1701. Shri Lakshmu Bhawani:** Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1635 on the 7th September, 1965 and state:

(a) whether additional amount of foreign exchange has been made available to the Government of Madhya Pradesh for the import of heavy crawler tractors; and

(b) if so, the amount made available?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Shyam Dhar Misra): (a) and (b). No, Sir.

#### Agricultural Developments at Panchayat Union Level

**1702. Shri V. V. Thevar:** Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that when financial targets are specified under individual items for agricultural development at the Panchayat Union level, there is no scientific means to find out the quantum of extra agricultural production achieved due to a given expenditure; and

(b) if so, how it is found out and on whom the responsibility is fixed to find out the given target?

The Deputy Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and

Cooperation (Shri Shinde): (a) and (b). Financial targets in relation to individual items for agricultural development are fixed at the Block level with reference to requirements and the resources available. The quantum of agricultural production in any year is estimated in its entirety and not in terms of the individual programmes. The yield estimates are carefully checked through scientific crop cutting experiments based on random sampling, with the district as the unit. A phased programme of assessing crop yields at the Block level by a combination of eye appraisals and crop cutting methods has also been introduced. The work relating to crop cutting experiments and eye appraisal is entrusted to the Revenue Department and block agency respectively under the overall guidance of the State Statistical Organisation.

#### Programme to attain Self-sufficiency in Food

**1703. Shri P. R. Chakraverti:**  
Shri K. N. Tiwary:

Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) whether during his recent visit to U.S.A. he had discussion with the U.S. Government regarding India's crash programme to attain food self-sufficiency;

(b) how far the U.S. Government felt convinced about the practicability of the realisation of the target of food production in India indicated by him; and

(c) whether the U.S. Government has agreed to assist India in this venture with foreign exchange and other aids?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Shyam Dhar Misra): (a) Yes.