

**ADVISORY BOARDS, COMMITTEES ATTACHED WITH THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS**

4969. SHRI PREM CHAND VERMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of various Advisory Committees, Boards or any other such organisations connected with his Ministry, the names of their members and functions assigned to each of them;

(b) how many members in each Committee or Board are publicmen and how many of them are officials;

(c) whether nomination of members is for one term only and, if not, for how many terms a member can be re-nominated and what is the duration of a term; and

(d) the total expenditure incurred on these organisations during the year 1967-68?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha in due course.

**NATIONAL FOOD BUDGET**

4970. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BASU: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any scheme to formulate a national food budget; and

(b) if so, the broad details thereof and when it is expected to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) and (b). The preparation of a national food budget has been deferred till

more reliable data relating to production, consumption etc. is available, so that the material on which the budget is to be based is one on which there is agreement.

**EXCLUSION OF SUGAR FROM RATION IN DELHI**

4971. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BASU: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether sugar has been excluded from certain types of ration cards in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) to (c). Sugar has not been excluded from ration cards or in the case of issue to institutional establishments. However, following partial decontrol of sugar since November, 1967 and in the light of Government's decision to utilize available quantities of controlled sugar for normal domestic consumption, issue of sugar to other establishments or for special occasions has been stopped.

**TRACTOR REPAIR AND SERVICE STATIONS**

4972. SHRI BABURAO PATEL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that because of the shortage in the supply of tractors and their spare parts present tractor owners are blackmailed and overcharged by local tractor agents and manufacturers in the matter of service, repairs and replacement of parts;

(b) whether Government propose to set up tractor repair and service stations in various cities and centres to provide repair service and replacement of parts at reasonable rates;