

were reverted. One of these officials was Scheduled Caste. His reversion had no connection with the Complaint about the treatment with the Scheduled Caste officials. Orders for promotion of these officials in regular vacancies have since been issued.

EMPLOYEES STATE INSURANCE CORPORATION

5042. **SHRI MANGLATHUMADAM**: Will the Minister of **LABOUR AND REHABILITATION** be pleased to state:

(a) the present term of the Chairman of the Employees' State Insurance Corporation;

(b) the criteria for selection of persons for such top posts; and

(c) whether the State Governments are being consulted in selecting the Chairman of the Regional Centres of the Corporation?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI HATHI): (a) The Chairman holds office during the pleasure of the Central Government.

(b) The Labour Minister of the Government of India has been the Chairman of the Employees' State Insurance Corporation since its formation, as provided in section 4 of the Employees' State Insurance Act, 1948. Subsequent amendment of the Act provides that the Chairman will be nominated by the Central Government.

(c) Yes. The Chairmen of Regional Boards are appointed in consultation with the State Governments.

KERALA DEMAND FOR FOOD SUBSIDY

5043. **SHRI MANGLATHUMADAM**: Will the Minister of **FOOD AND AGRICULTURE** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kerala Government have asked for special food subsidy to give relief to the flood victims of the State; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) No such request has been received by Government.

(b) Does not arise.

AREA UNDER COTTON CULTIVATION

5044. **SHRI DEORAO PATIL**: Will the **MINISTER OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that this year area under cotton sowing will be considerably less as compared to that of the last year;

(b) whether as a result of the price of cotton in the last harvest being not remunerative to the growers and rains in June and July last being considerably less, the size of the cotton crop will be further reduced; and

(c) if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) to (c). As the sowings of cotton are still in progress, it is too early to give any firm idea about the area and production of cotton during 1968-69.

**लखीमपुर खेड़ी, उत्तर प्रदेश में
हिन्दुस्तान शुगर फैक्ट्री**

5045. **श्री रणजीत सिंह :**
श्री भारत सिंह चौहान :

क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) हिन्दुस्तान शुगर फैक्ट्री, गोला गोकरननाथ, लखीमपुर खेड़ी ने पिछले पांच वर्षों में कितनी चीनी का उत्पादन किया, उसमें से कितनी चीनी सरकारी कोटे में दी गई तथा कितनी खुले बाजार में बेची गई ;