

की स्थापना, स्वतंत्र और ऋजु रीति में निर्वाचनों का संचालन, आदि।

(७) पश्चिमी बंगाल, उत्तर प्रदेश और बिहार राज्यों में निर्वाचनों पर उपगत होने वाला प्राक्कलित व्यय मोटे तौर पर त्रमशः 0-60, 1.25 और 1.00 करोड़ रुपये होगा।

यू० एन० आई० न्यूज एजेन्सी की ओर टेलीफोन शुल्क की बकाया राशि

6511. श्री रामाबतार शास्त्री : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि यू० पी० आई० नामक एक भूतपूर्व न्यूज एजेन्सी की ओर, जिसका अब यू०एन०आई० एजेन्सी में विलय कर दिया गया है, टेलीफोन शुल्क की 330845 रुपये की राशि बकाया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इतनी अधिक राशि के जमा होने के क्या कारण हैं और इसके लिये कौन व्यक्ति जिम्मेदार हैं ;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि सरकार ने 8 मई, 1968 को उक्त राशि को बट्टे खाते डाल दिया है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

संसद-कार्य विभाग तथा संचार विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री इ० कु० गुजराल) :

(क) स्पष्टतः यह उल्लेख यू० पी० आई० के बारे में ही है, जिसकी ओर रकम बकाया थी। यू० पी० आई० नामक एजेंसी का काफी असें पहले विलय हो चुका है, परन्तु डाक-तार विभाग को इसके यू० एन० आई० में विलय होने के सम्बन्ध में कोई जानकारी नहीं है।

(ख) यू० पी० आई० वित्तीय कठिनाइयों का सामना कर रही थी और सरकार के ये प्रयत्न कि इस एजेंसी की वित्तीय हालत सुधर जाए, सफल न हो सके।

(ग) जी हां।

(घ) परिसमापक की अदायगी करने की असमर्थता के कारण रकम वसूल न हो सकने के कारण।

SUPPLY OF FOUNDATION SEEDS TO STATES

6512. SHRI D. N. PATODIA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the States are experiencing difficulties with regard to the supply of foundation seeds;

(b) whether the National Seeds Corporation has been directed to launch seed multiplication programme of new varieties;

(c) whether the scheme would be able to meet the total needs of the States; and

(d) if not, what would be the likely shortfall and in what way it is proposed to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) No, Sir. The National Seeds Corporation, who is responsible for the supply of foundation seeds of hybrid varieties, etc., has got sufficient stocks of foundation seeds to meet the demand of all the States, as per their approved target. There is, however, some shortage of the foundation seeds of newly evolved amber-coloured varieties of wheat released recently.

(b) to (d). The National Seeds Corporation is taking up pre-release multiplication of the promising new varieties likely to be released in the

near future on the recommendations of the I.C.A.R. Efforts are also made to multiply these seeds even in off-season in suitable tracts, so that in the event of a variety being found suitable for release, adequate quantities of seeds would be available at the time of release.

RISE IN WHEAT PRICE

6513. SHRI D. N. PATODIA:
SHRI KANWAR LAL
GUPTA:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the price of wheat in Delhi, Punjab and other places has been rising during the current months; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE):
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The prices have tended to show a rise on account of transport difficulties and fall in market arrivals due to rains.

WITHDRAWAL OF FOOD RATIONING FROM METROPOLITAN CITIES

6514. SHRI D. N. PATODIA:
Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) to what extent the bumper crop has helped to withdraw rationing of foodgrains from the metropolitan cities;

(b) if so, the names of the cities wherefrom rationing has been withdrawn;

(c) whether the quantum of foodgrains issued through the ration shops has since been increased; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION

(SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE):
(a) and (b). In the context of the improved food position, statutory rationing has been replaced by controlled distribution of foodgrains in three cities namely Delhi, Kanpur and Hyderabad-Secunderabad.

(c) State Governments have been advised to increase the overall ration quantum of cereals to 2500 grams per adult per week wherever statutory rationing is in force.

(d) Does not arise.

AGRICULTURAL CREDIT

6515. SHRI D. N. PATODIA :
SHRI RAMACHANDRA
ULAKA:
SHRI DHULESHWAR
MEENA:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether keeping in view the growing needs for agricultural credit in the context of the country's determination to achieve a breakthrough in agriculture, Government have considered the desirability of allocating more funds for rural credit and broad-basing the existing credit institutions in the rural areas;

(b) if so, the additional allocation for agricultural credit for 1968-69; and

(c) the progress which has so far been made in locating agricultural credit corporations in different States and the factors which are responsible for the slow progress in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE):
(a) Government have considered the desirability of having more funds for the rural credit and also for broad-basing the existing credit institutions in the rural areas. Multi-agency approach for disbursement of agricultural credit has, therefore,