

Discussions with the World Bank President on Agriculture

5138. SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank President Mr. Robert McNamara held discussions with him during his recent visit to New Delhi; and

(b) if so, the nature of the discussions from the point of view of the development of agriculture ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Introduction of Cheaper and More Productive Plough

5139. SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the present wooden plough used throughout the country is not so productive;

(b) if so, whether Government have any plan to introduce some cheap and more productive plough;

(c) if so, when and the details thereof ; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

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

(a) Yes, the wooden plough is not considered as efficient as a mould board plough.

(b) and (c). There are already cheap and good iron ploughs produced by a large number of indigenous implement manufacturers available in the market. It is estimated that about 25 lakhs of such ploughs are already being used in the States of Maharashtra, Madhya

pradesh, Gujarat etc. Such ploughs are being used in other States also in fairly large numbers.

(d) Does not arise.

Madhubani Post Office (Bihar)

5140. SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that the present Madhubani Post Office building is not a spacious one;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Postal Department has already acquired two plots of land for the same; and

(c) if so, when the new building would be constructed on any one of these plots ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) (a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Action to construct post office building on one of these plots is in progress. The project has been sanctioned and construction is likely to be started after the remaining formalities are completed.

Membership of Trade Unions

5141 SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) what is the present membership of INTUC, AITUC, HMS, HMP and UTUC, separately ;

(b) whether they have increased or decreased within the last two years with the reasons therefor ;

(c) the monthly salaries and other allowances the present head of all these trade union organisations draw; and

(d) the amount of foreign monetary assistance from any world trade body, if any, that they get per year ?