

किसी भी कर्मचारी को 15 दिन से अधिक मुअत्तिल नहीं किया जायेगा और मुअत्तली के समय उन्हें उचित सहायता भत्ता दिया जायेगा ताकि मालिकों के लिए इस परम्परा का पालन कठिन हो जाये ;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि मालिक कर्मचारियों को पुलिस द्वारा उनके विरुद्ध अपराध का मामला फाइल करने पर मुअत्तिल कर देते हैं और उन्हें अन्तिम निर्णय के बोधित किये जाने तक मुअत्तिल रखा जाता है ; और

(घ) यदि हाँ, तो क्या सरकार का विचार इन अनावश्यक परेशानियों से कर्मचारियों के हितों की रक्षा करने का है ?

श्रम, रोजगार तथा पुनर्वास मन्त्रालय में राज्य-मन्त्री (श्री भागवत झा झाजाद) :
(क) से (घ) यह मामला राज्य के क्षेत्राधिकार में आता है और इस विषय पर बिहार सरकार को लिख दिया गया है ।

Agriculture During Fourth Plan

1944. SHRI RANJIT SINGH :
SHRI BAL RAJ MADHOK :
SHRI HARDAYAL DEVGUN :
SHRI D. C. SHARMA :
SHRI BENI SHANKER SHARMA :
SHRI S. K. TAPURIAH :
SHRI HIMATSINGKA :

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

(a) the allocation proposed to be made for agriculture during the Fourth Five Year Plan State-wise ;

(b) the target proposed to be set for food production in the Fourth Five Year Plan State-wise ; and

(c) the steps envisaged to achieve the above targets and self-sufficiency in food-grains ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) and (b). The Fourth Five Year Plan is in an advanced stage of pre-

paration. The allocation for agriculture and the target for food production will be known when the Plan is finalized.

(c) A new strategy of Agricultural Development has been adopted since 1966-67 for achieving self-sufficiency in foodgrains. The main steps taken under the New Strategy are ; High Yielding Varieties Programme, Multiple Cropping and Irrigation for intensive cultivation, organised provision of inputs - like fertilisers and pesticides, timely and liberal credit facilities including institutional finance, farmers' education and training and intensification of research. The efforts for raising food-grains production are proposed to be further intensified in the coming years.

Rice Production

1945. SHRIMATI SUSEELA GOPALAN :
SHRI A. K. GOPALAN :
SHRI K. ANIRUDHAN :
SHRI P. GOPALAN :

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the rice production of this year has increased against the last years' production ;

(b) if so, whether Government will consider to increase the allotment and supply of rice to Kerala ; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) Firm estimates of rice production during 1968-69 are not yet available. It is, however, expected that in spite of the unfavourable weather condition in certain States during 1968, the production of rice in 1968-69 may be equal to the production during 1967-68.

(b) and (c). While efforts continue to be made to find as much rice for Kerala as possible, it seems it will not be possible to maintain supplies at more than about 50 thousand tonnes per month during the current year. The position regarding availability of rice with the Centre for distribution to deficit States, has not only not improv-