

Development and Cooperation (Shri Govinda Menon): (a) and (b). It is a fact that the Government lost a case namely in the Bhuj court filed against a shipping company for recovery of short-landing losses. The case, related to a short-landing of about 500 metric tonnes of ammonium sulphate in a vessel, s.s. Smith Builder, which arrived at Kandla Port on 3-1-1963 and not recently.

(c) Since the shortage occurred during the voyage from U.S.A. to India and a suit was filed in time to recover the claim from the shipping company the question of fixing responsibility for the loss on any individual does not arise.

Delimitation of Constituencies

2070. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Law be pleased to state:

(a) whether any progress has been in the fresh delimitation of Assembly and Parliamentary Constituencies after reorganisation of Punjab, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh; and

(b) when the work is likely to be completed?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Law (Shri C R. Pattabhi Raman):

(a) and (b). The Delimitation Commission has considered its draft proposals for Punjab, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh with the respective Associate Members. Its Final Orders are expected to be published during the course of next week.

Co-operative League of United States

**2071. Shri M. B. Krishna:
Shri Ramapathi Rao:**

Will the Minister of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation be pleased to state:

(a) the period for which Co-operative League of United States was in India and the States which the team visited;

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(b) how many States and Societies have been recommended for loan by this League; and

(c) whether large agricultural States like Andhra Pradesh will get preference in the matter of getting loans to start fertilizer factories under cooperative management?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Shyam Dhar Misra): (a) The Co-operative Fertilizer Feasibility Study Team sponsored by Co-operative League of U.S.A., is in India since 5th September, 1966. The Team has so far visited the States of Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Kerala, Madras, West Bengal, Bihar, Andhra Pradesh and Rajasthan.

(b) The Report of the Team is yet to be finalised.

(c) While finalising its recommendations, the Team will no doubt take into account all relevant aspects including the scope of fertilizer consumption in various areas.

महाराष्ट्र में फसल की स्थिति

2072. श्री बे० शि० पाटिल: क्या खाद्य, कृषि, सामुदायिक विकास तथा सहकार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सब है कि महाराष्ट्र के चारों क्षेत्रों में वर्षा न होने के कारण वर्तमान फसल की स्थिति बहुत नाजुक है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो वर्षा न होने के कारण किन जिलों में फसलों पर प्रतिकूल प्रभाव पड़ा है ; और

(ग) स्थिति सुधारने के लिये क्या उपाय किये जा रहे हैं ?

खाद्य, कृषि, सामुदायिक विकास तथा सहकार मंत्रालय में उपमन्त्री (श्री श्यामधर मिश्र) : (क) दक्षिण-पश्चिम मानसून मौसम (जून-सितम्बर) 1966 के दौरान कुल वर्ष जो खरीफ फसलों के लिए बहुत