

खाद्य, कृषि सामुदायिक विकास तथा सह-कार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अन्नासाहिब शिंदे) : (क) और (ख). राजस्थान सरकार से पूछी गयी जानकारी माँगी गयी है और मिलते ही सभा पटल पर रख दी जायेगी।

खाद्य उत्पादन के झाँकड़े एकत्रित करना

2918. श्री भोला नाथ मास्टर : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या उनका मन्त्रालय योजना आयोग के निदेशों के अनुसार सही तरीके से खाद्य उत्पादन के झाँकड़े एकत्रित करने के लिये किसी नई योजना पर विचार कर रहा है ; और

(ख) इस संबंध में डा० एस० आर० सेन की अध्यक्षता में नियुक्त समिति के प्रति-वेदन पर क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है ?

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(ख) फसल अनुमानों के विषय में डा० एस० आर० सेन के नेतृत्व में कार्य करने वाली तकनीकी समिति की रिपोर्ट विचाराधीन है।

International Seminar on Pest Control

2919. SHRI D. N. PATODIA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that an international seminar was held recently under the auspices of FAO on Pest Control measures;

(b) whether the seminar has made any suggestion on pest control which is likely to be of help to the country; and

(c) if so, the details of the suggestions made and whether those have been accepted by Government ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) Yes. An International Semi-

nar on Integrated pest Control was organised by the Entomological Society of India and Co-sponsored by (1) Indian Council of Agril. Research (2) Research and Development Organisation, Ministry of Defence (3) National Institute of Sciences of India and (4) Pesticide Association of India at Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi from 20th to 24th January, 1969, on the lines of FAO Seminar held in October, 1965.

(b) Yes.

(c) As a result of these deliberations the seminar has put out agreed definition, scope and principles of integrated pest control and has identified a number of areas and problems for which integrated control has been recommended, first for pilot scale trial and then for large scale application. The final recommendations from the Entomological Society of India are awaited by the Government.

Supply of High Yielding Variety Seed to Farmers

2920. SHRI D. N. PATODIA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether adequate arrangements have been made for the supply of quality seed of high yielding variety to the growers for the *Rabi* season;

(b) if so, what has been the allocation of seeds to the States of U.P., Punjab and Rajasthan and Haryana; and

(c) to what extent the use of the new variety of seed is likely to augment the production of crops ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) and (b). Arrangements for production of seeds to meet their requirements under the High Yielding Varieties a Programme and their distribution are made by the State Governments. In case of any shortfall, the Central Government takes steps to meet the deficit by arranging special seed production programmes through the National Seeds Corporation, or through diversion of supplies available in surplus States. No request for the supply of any seeds for general cultivation during *rabi*

season was received from the States of U.P., Punjab, Rajasthan and Haryana. Indents were, however, received by the National Seeds Corporation from U.P. and Rajasthan for supply of foundation seeds of recent amber-coloured wheat varieties and the following quantities were supplied by the Corporation :

U.P.	—	250 quintals
Rajasthan	—	325 quintals

(c) On the basis of targets of coverage under the High-Yielding Varieties Programme accepted by the State Governments for Rabi-Summer 1968-69 and the yardsticks agreed to by them, an additional production of about 9.68 million tonnes of foodgrains is estimated for the whole country.

Year	Area in '000 hectare		Yield per hectare in kg.	
	Superior long	Long	Superior	Long
1965-66	191.0	1590.9	130.0	111.0
1966-67	185.9	1788.5	148.0	107.0

The official estimates for the years 1967-78 have not so far been released.

(b) For stepping up cotton production, more particularly of long staple cottons, the Government of India is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme under which incentives in the form of subsidy on plant protection chemicals and equipments and technical guidance are being given to cultivators.

Irregular mail carriage to and from Pandharpur

2922. SHRI S. R. DAMANI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether representations have been received from citizens of Mangalwedha in Sholapur District about the irregular mail carriage to and from Pandharpur by the Mysore Government Transport Service ;

(b) whether Government are considering the question of entrusting the responsibility of carriage of mails to the Maharashtra State Transport service who are running 12 regular services a day in the interests of the citizens ; and

Cultivation of Long Staple Cotton

2921. SHRI S. R. DAMANI : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the area at present under long staple cotton cultivation and the per acre yield ; and

(b) the action taken to encourage growers to take up cultivation of long staple cotton in the country in order to get better yields per acre and to reduce the burden of imports ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) The area under long staple cotton and yield per hectare for 1965-66 and 1966-67 are given below :—

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SHER SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Breakdowns of Inter-State Communications

2923. SHRI D. N. PATODIA :
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that with a view to reducing the number of inter-State breakdowns of communications which frequently happen due to overload, Government have finalised a scheme whereby the break-downs will not hamper the communications between the States as hithertofore ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) when it will be put into operation ?