

Growing of Vegetables through Hydro- phonic Methods

2933. SHRI LOBO PRABHU : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 3453 on the 5th December, 1968 and state :

(a) whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research takes note of improvements in vegetable production through the Hydro-phonic methods as reported in the Press ;

(b) if so, whether the Council has taken note of the experiments of Mrs. Shroff of Bombay in the matter ; and

(c) if not, the reason therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) The Council usually takes note of articles published in the Press on agricultural improvement.

(b) No.

(c) Somehow, the article has not come the notice of this Council. Effort is now being made to obtain a copy of the article.

Merger of Kaira Project and Delhi Milk Scheme

2934. SHRI D. N. PATODIA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Milk Scheme and the Kaira Project have been merged for the purpose of cattle development and supply of milk for both these projects ;

(b) whether the cattle development scheme is also being assisted by the World Food Programme ; and

(c) if so, the assistance that is being received and the plans that have been drawn up for adequate supply of milk to both the projects ?

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

(b) and (c). The World Food Programme authorities under Project 348 are separately assisting the Delhi Milk Scheme and the

Kaira Project, Anand as per details given below :

(i) The assistance will be in the form of gift of coarse grains (maize and sorghum) at the rate of 25,000 tonnes per annum per scheme for a period of three years.

(ii) The balanced cattle feed would be manufactured and distributed at low-cost to milk producers in the Meerut Intensive Cattle Development Project in the case of Delhi Milk Scheme and in the Kaira Intensive Cattle Development Project in the case of Kaira Milk Project.

(iii) The programme commenced in August, 1967 in the case of Kaira and in February, 1969 in the case of Delhi Milk Scheme.

(iv) From the funds so generated out of the sale proceeds of the World Food Programme feed grains, 2/3rd of the amount would be ploughed back for intensifying dairying and livestock development programmes and the remaining 1/3rd portion would be retained as counterpart fund for the purchase of local cereal grains to continue the programme after World Food Programme aid ceases.

(v) On account of limited availability of W. F. P. feed grains, the Programme would be confined to the feeding of 10,000 animals in each of the Intensive Cattle Development Projects.

(vi) The beneficiaries under this scheme would supply milk to the respective dairy projects.

Deep Sea Fishing in West Bengal

2935. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BASU : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some industrialists in the Private Sector have taken the initiative to start deep sea fishing in West Bengal ;

(b) if so, whether Government have allowed the Private Sector to start deep sea fishing on a commercial basis ;

(c) if so, the reasons as to why Govern-

ment are not ready to enter into this venture ;

(d) whether deep sea fishing scheme of the Kerala Government is paying dividend ; and

(e) if so, why according to Government, it is not possible to achieve similar results in West Bengal ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) No deep sea fishing project has been started in West Bengal.

(b) Permission from Government is not necessary for the Private Sector to start deep sea fishing on a commercial basis except where foreign collaboration is involved. Proposals involving foreign collaboration are considered on merits.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The Government of Kerala have not taken up any departmental deep sea fishing scheme so far.

The Kerala State Fisheries Corporation are at present operating a few small shrimp trawlers and are proposing to introduce large trawlers for deep sea fishing. The Corporation has not paid any dividend so far.

(e) The exploitation both by the private and public sectors of the shrimp resources close to the coast in Kerala has resulted in rapid development of the fishing industry in that State. While the existence of similar resources around the West Bengal coast has not been established, the surveys so far conducted have given encouraging results. The approach adopted by Government is that the maximum utilisation of available resources should be made, and with this end in view steps have been taken both to ascertain the interest in the private sector in West Bengal in deep sea fishing and to obtain vessels for more intensive surveys.

Index of Real Income of Workers

2936. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BASU : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state the index of real income of the workers in India, State-wise, from 1966-67 to 1968-69, year-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT

AND REHABILITATION (SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD) : Index numbers of real earnings are compiled by deflating the index of money earnings by the consumer price index numbers. As consumer price index numbers are compiled for different centres and not for different States, information about index of real earnings of workers on a State-wise basis is not available.

Agricultural Institution in West Bengal

2937. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BASU : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any scheme to set up an agricultural institution in South 24 Parganas, West Bengal ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and when it is going to be implemented ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) Setting up of agricultural institutions is normally the concern of the respective State Governments. The Government of India have not received any such proposal from the Government of West Bengal.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Formation of a Federation of Labour

2938. SHRI SITARAM KESRI : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a Study Group of the National Labour Commission has suggested the formation of federation of labour in India ;

(b) the other recommendations of the Study Group ;

(c) whether Government have considered the Report of the Study Group ; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT AND REHABILITATION (SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD) : (a) to (d). Government understand that some of the study groups making such recommendations have submitted their reports to the National