

made available to the State Governments in block loans and grants for all sectors as a whole and will not be related to any individual programme or scheme. The exact amount of assistance to be released to the Government of Kerala during 1969-70 and the details of the procedure have not yet been finalised.

The details and the quantum of assistance to be made available to State for Centrally Sponsored Schemes during the year 1969-70 have also not been finalised as yet.

Production and Import of Wheat

9715. SHRI P. C. ADICHAN : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the total acreage of wheat sown in the country during the last rabi crops and how much of it was under High Yielding varieties, cultivation ;

(b) the total wheat yield from that rabi crops in the country and how much of it consisted of High Yielding wheat ;

(c) whether Government propose to import wheat during the current year ; and

(d) if so, to what extent the country is likely to remain dependent on imported wheat during the current year ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) and (b). Firm Estimates of area based on complete enumeration and production based on crop cutting survey result of wheat crop for 1968-69 would become available only after the close of the current agriculture year *i.e.* some of time in July-August 1969. However, according to the preliminary estimates the area under wheat during 1968-69 is estimated to be higher than that last year by 7%.

As regards the High Yielding Varieties of wheat, the target for the coverage of area under these varieties during 1968-69 was fixed at 10.09 million acres. Information regarding actual achievements against this

target has not been received from all the States. Estimates of production of these varieties are also not available.

(c) Yes.

(d) Imports of foodgrains (including wheat) for 1969-70 for public distribution and for building up of buffer stocks have, however, been proposed to be 5.2 million tonnes.

Assessment of Flour Mills

9716. SHRI P. C. ADICHAN : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a Committee was set up by Government sometime back for a rational assessment of the flour mills in the county;

(b) if so, whether the report of the Committee has been received ; and

(c) if the reply to part (b) above be in the affirmative, when Government propose to implement the recommendations of the Committee ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) and (b). Yes Sir.

(c) Some of the recommendations have already been implemented. With regard to other recommendations, the matter is under consideration in consultation with the Ministry of Industrial Development, Internal Trade and Company Affairs.

Delay in Express Telegrams

9717. DR. KARNI SINGH : will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to fact that inordinate delays take place in the delivery of Express telegrams from Bombay, particularly Bombay-Delhi and Bombay-Bikaner sections ;

(b) if so, whether the Complaints have been investigated and if so, the result of the enquiry ; and

(c) whether any special steps have been taken to overcome the delay and redress the grievances of the public in this respect ?

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

(b) Telegrams emanating from Bombay for Delhi and Bikaner are handled speedily and are not generally subjected to delays. Occasionally, however due to unavoidable prolonged failure of the coaxial route some delays are caused.

(c) The working condition on Bombay New Delhi circuits is normally good. Technical failures which cannot be ruled out completely do sometimes impede the clearance of traffic. However, steps are always taken of all levels to minimise such failures.

किसानों को ट्रैक्टरों तथा अन्य कृषि उपकरणों की सप्लाई के लिए सेवा सहकारी समितियों की योजना

9718. श्री बृज भूषण लाल :
श्री राम गोपाल शालबाले :
श्री जगन्नाथ राव जोशी :
श्री रणजीत सिंह :
श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी :
श्री सूरज भान :

क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सेवा सहकारी समितियों की कोई योजना विचाराधीन है जिसके अन्तर्गत गांव में छोटे किसानों को भी ट्रैक्टर तथा अन्य कृषि उपकरण नाममात्र के मूल्यों पर मिल सकें ;

(ख) यदि हा, तो उसका ब्योरा क्या है ; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

खाद्य, कृषि, सामुदायिक विकास तथा सहकार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम. एस. गरूपदस्वामी) : (क) चुनी हुई सहकारी समितियों द्वारा ट्रैक्टरों तथा अन्य कृषि यंत्रों के लिए सेवा केन्द्र स्थापित करने और कृषि यंत्रों में "कस्टम सर्विस" उपलब्ध करने की एक योजना राष्ट्रीय सहकारी विकास निगम द्वारा स्वीकृत की गई है। इस योजना के अन्तर्गत छोटे किसानों के लिए चुनी हुई सहकारी समितियों द्वारा उपलब्ध की जाने वाली "कस्टम सर्विस" की सुविधाओं का उपयोग निर्धारित भाड़ा अदा कर के करना सम्भव होगा। चुनी हुई सहकारी समितियों को राष्ट्रीय सहकारी विकास निगम द्वारा सम्बन्धित राज्य सरकारों के माध्यम से सहायता दी जाएगी।

(ख) योजना का ब्योरा सभा पटल पर रखा है। [पुस्तकालय में रख दिया गया। देखिये संख्या LT—1175/69]

(ग) प्रात नहीं उठता।
काश्मीर में विस्थापित व्यक्तियों का पुनर्वास

9719. श्री बृज भूषण :
श्री जगन्नाथ राव जोशी :
श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी :
श्री सूरज भान :
श्री रणजीत सिंह :

क्या श्रम तथा पुनर्वास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पश्चिम पाकिस्तान को छोड़कर अन्य देशों से भारत में अब तक कुल कितने विस्थापित व्यक्ति आये हैं और प्रत्येक राज्य में कितने विस्थापित व्यक्ति बसाये गए हैं ;

(ख) क्या काश्मीर राज्य (जम्मू सहित) में बसाये गए विस्थापित व्यक्तियों की संख्या अन्य राज्यों की तुलना में कम है ; और