

throughout the country during the Fourth Plan period ;

(b) the special facilities which are to be provided for such Agricultural Labourers' Cooperatives ; and

(c) the efforts which are being made to ensure the formation of such Cooperatives in all the villages of the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY) : (a). No, Sir.

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

Extension of Shops and Commercial Act of Public Schools in Delhi

9742. SHRI BENI SHANKER SHARMA :
SHRI D. C. SHARMA :

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Delhi Administration was examining a proposal to bring public schools and missionary institutions within the purview of the Shops and Commercial Establishment Act to have a check on their acting arbitrarily at times and to provide security of service for employees working in them ;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT AND REHABILITATION (SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD) : (a) to (c). A proposal to bring such institutions within the purview of the Delhi Shops and Establishments Act, 1954 is under consideration of the Delhi Administration.

Participation of Scientists in Research Work

9743. SHRI D.C. SHARMA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

be pleased to state :

(a) whether the setting up of Staff Research Councils in the Agriculture and Animal Husbandry Research Institutes under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research has been suggested by the Head of these institutes to help in the collective participation by Scientists in the development of research work ;

(b) whether the suggestion has been considered ; and

(c) if so, with what results ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) Setting up of Staff Research Councils in all Research Institutes was considered extremely necessary by the first Conference of Directors of Research Institutes held in May, 1966.

(b) The unanimous recommendation made by the Conference of Directors has been implemented in the I.C.A.R. Institutes.

(c) The setting up of Staff Research Councils where they did not exist earlier have been extremely beneficial to the scientific work of the Research Institutes. The scientists get an opportunity to discuss the scientific programmes they are involved in their colleagues and this also gives a sense of participation to all the research workers.

Restrictions on Import of Rice from Nepal

9744. SHRI D. C. SHARMA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Nepal was selling 1,43,000 tons of its surplus rice to China for the first time this year ;

(b) whether it is a fact that traditionally Nepal's surplus food was sold to India but this year owing to restrictions imposed by India, Nepal was exploring other markets ; and

(c) if so, the nature of these restrictions and the justification for the same ?