

in the canal at two points in the last week of July, 1969, 10 acres under Paddy and 5 acres under Cotton were flooded.

(b) There was no damage to Paddy crop or to machinery. There is likely to be some damage to Cotton.

(c) The breaches were closed immediately at both the places and the water drained out of the crops. The canal is under the control of the Irrigation Department of Rajasthan Government who have been requested to avoid recurrence of breaches in the canal and to strengthen the canal banks. Vigilance is being maintained on the bunds.

Rise in Prices of Foodgrains in Delhi

3669. SHRI YASHPAL SINGH : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the prices of foodgrains particularly of wheat is very high in the markets of Delhi ; and

(b) if so, what steps are being initiated to mitigate the hardships of the people in this respect ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) Prices of foodgrains including wheat have shown an upward trend during the last few months in Delhi markets.

(b) To mitigate the hardship of the people 10,000 tonnes of wheat has been allotted for distribution through fair price shops during this month. Wheat products namely atta, suji and maida are also being supplied to the card holders.

Direct Telephone Line Between North Gauhati and Amingaon

3670. SHRI BENI SHANKER SHARMA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING, AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any scheme to connect North Gauhati and Amingaon areas by direct telephone lines from Main Gauhati local exchange ; and

(b) if so, the time by which this line is proposed to be operated ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SHER SINGH) : (a) Amingaon exchange in North Gauhati is already connected to Gauhati by a direct trunk line.

(b) Does not arise.

Setting of Vineries to Manufacture Wines for Export

3671. SHRIMATI SUDHA V. REDDY : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is proposed to set up vineries to manufacture wines for export in consultation with the U. N. Food and Agricultural Organization ;

(b) whether the world organization has agreed to provide experts for this project ; and

(c) whether Mysore and Hyderabad have been finally selected for this purpose since the two places abound in grapes ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) No, Sir. There is no such proposal.

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

Price of Pesticides

3672. SHRIMATI SUDHA V. REDDY : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the consumer price of most of the pesticides in India is high in comparison to many other countries ;

(b) whether the prices of pesticides produced in India is higher than imported ones ;

(c) whether the high prices are proving detrimental to the interests of farmers in the country ; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to adopt to reduce the price or liberalise imports ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) Consumer prices of most