

Yield of Sugarcane and Jute

3612. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 9740 on the 15th May, 1969 and state :

(a) whether it is a fact that per hectare yield of sugarcane has gone down in 1966-67 and 1967-68 as compared to 1965-66 and that of jute has also decreased in 1967-68 as compared to the previous two years ; and

(b) if so, the causes of this decrease and the steps being taken to remedy the same ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) and (b). No, Sir. Compared to 1965-66, the yield per hectare of sugarcane was lower in 1966-67 but was higher in 1967-68. The yield per hectare of jute in 1967-68 is reported to be higher than the yields in the previous two years.

The yield of sugarcane in 1966-67 was affected by unfavourable weather conditions.

Terai Seed Corporation

3613. SHRI K. G. DESHMUKH : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Terai Seed Corporation has envisaged an ambitious project of growing seed grains on 46000 acres of Terai area during the coming khariff season ;

(b) whether the World Bank has agreed to advance a loan to the Corporation, if so, the extent thereof ;

(c) if so, the conditions of World Bank loan, if any, for its utilisation ; and

(d) the composition of Terai Seed Corporation and local farmers' share in it ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) During the current Kharif season, only an area of 8,000 acres is being put under seed crops. On completion of the project period an area of about 46,000

acres would have been brought under seed production.

(b) The World Bank has agreed to advance a loan of \$13 million (Rs. 10 crores) to the Government of India for the implementation of the Terai Seeds Project through the Terai Development Corporation.

(c) The World Bank loan carries an interest rate of 6½% per annum, a commitment charge of ¾ of 1 per annum on the undisbursed amount of the loan, and is repayable in 30 years including a grace period of 10 years.

(d) The composition of the Terai Development Corporation is to be as under :—

	Share capital
(1) U. P. Agricultural University.	40
(2) Farmers of Terai area.	40
(3) National Seed Corporation.	20

Deep-Sea fishing Scheme for Orissa

3614. SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any scheme for fisheries development including deep sea fishing in Orissa has been approved for 1969-70 and for the 4th Plan period ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) and (b). The Schemes which have been approved for the development of fisheries in Orissa under the State's Fourth Five Year Plan are listed in the statement laid on the Table of the House [Placed in Library See No. LT—1684/69]. The outlays proposed for the Fourth Plan and Annual Plan 1969-70 are also indicated.

Loan Assistance to Co-operative Land Mortgage Bank, Orissa

3615. SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any loan assistance was