

for the postponement of the extension of the Scheme ; and

(c) the reaction of Government in regard thereto ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT AND REHABILITATION (SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD) :** (a) The benefits under the Employees' State Insurance Scheme were extended to the insured persons in Madurai in October, 1956. Medical care under the Scheme has also been extended to the families of insured persons with effect from 3.6.1969.

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

**Reports of Study Groups of National Labour Commission**

1638. **SHRI R. BARUA :**  
**SHRI CHENGALRAYA NAIDU :**  
**SHRI N.R. LASKAR :**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a report has been submitted to Government by some Study Groups of the National Labour Commission ;

(b) if so, their main recommendations ; and

(c) how many of them have been accepted by the Government ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT AND REHABILITATION (SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD) :** (a) to (c) The Study Groups have submitted their reports to the Commission and not to Government. The Commission is yet to submit its report to Government. Government would consider the matter after the receipt of the Commission's recommendations.

**Sugar Production**

1639. **SHRI P. C. ADICHAN :**  
**SHRI PRAKASH VIR SHASTRI :**  
**SHRI MUHAMMAD SHERIFF :**  
**SHRI RAM CHARAN :**  
**SHRI HUKAM CHAND**  
**KACHWAI :**

**SHRI GUNANAND THAKUR :**  
**SHRI D. N. TIWARY :**  
**SHRI NATHU RAM AHIRWAR :**  
**SHRI BIBHUTI MISHRA :**  
**SHRI BENI SHANKER**  
**SHARMA :**

Will the Minister of **FOOD AND AGRICULTURE** be pleased to state :

(a) the total estimated sugar production during 1968-69 and how it compares with the sugar production in the preceding two years ;

(b) whether the production has fallen short of the target and if so, the reasons therefor ;

(c) how the average prices of sugar during 1968-69 in the open market compared with the corresponding figures for the preceding two years ; and

(d) how far additional land has been brought under sugarcane cultivation during 1969-70 and what steps have been taken to encourage sugarcane cultivation during this year ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) :** (a) The production of sugar during 1968-69 upto the 22nd July, 1969, has been 38.94 lakh tonnes as compared at 22.03 lakh tonnes in 1967-68 and 21.50 lakh tonnes in 1966-67 upto the corresponding date.

(b) No target of production was fixed for 1968-69.

(c) A statement showing the average prices of sugar in the open market during 1968-69 compared with the prices during the corresponding period in the last year is laid on the Table of the House. [*Placed in Library. See No. LT-1459/69*]. There was no open market in 1966-67.

(d) The First Estimate of area under sugarcane cultivation for 1969-70 has not yet been made. The information so far available indicates that there is no reduction in area under the crop this year. The main incentive for increased sugarcane cultivation during this year was the higher price of sugarcane paid last year. The following

steps are proposed to be taken this year to encourage sugarcane cultivation :

- (i) Provision of adequate irrigation by allocating sufficient funds from State Plan Schemes under Minor Irrigation.
- (ii) Creation of special A. R. C. (Agricultural Refinance Corporation) Schemes for minor irrigation in sugarcane development areas.
- (iii) Making funds available from the Commercial Banks for augmenting irrigation and other facilities for boosting up production.
- (iv) Highest priority for laying out approach roads in factory areas under State Plan Schemes.
- (v) Active participation of factories for sugarcane development efforts.

#### Investment in the Trade of Fish and Fishery Products

1640. SHRI K. M. KOUSHIK : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the total investment in the trade for the export of fish and fishery products in the year 1966, 1967 and 1968 ; and

(b) the expenses incurred for the said trade during the above mentioned period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) A statistical survey of fish processing plants in the country is available in provisional form for 1966. This survey indicates a level of investment of Rs. 3.37 crores. Figures for 1967 and 1968 are not yet available. The level of investment in 1966 on fishing vessels operating for the export trade, which has been computed as a proportion of the total investment on fishing vessels, was Rs. 6.64 crores in 1966, the additions in 1967 and 1968 being computed at Rs. 0.78 crores and Rs. 1.04 crores respectively.

(b) The running expenses of fish processing plants amounted to Rs. 5.93 crores (inclusive of the cost of fish) in 1966.

Figures for 1967 and 1968 are not yet available.

The running expenses of fishing vessels operating for the export trade have been computed as follows :

Year	Rs. in crores Expenses
1966	2.39
1967	2.67
1968	3.05

#### Allotment of Foodgrains to Deficit States

1641. SHRI K. M. KOUSHIK : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the allotment of foodgrains to deficit States is done on the consumption of 10.5 ounces per adult ;

(b) if not, what is the basis ; and

(c) the population of each deficit State ?

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

(b) Central allotment of foodgrains is made on the basis of requirements of Government distribution, internal availability within a State, availability with the Centre and similar requirements of all other States.

(c) The population figures of each State are available in the Census of India.

#### Production of Foodgrains in States

1642. SHRI PREM CHAND VERMA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the names of the States in the country which will be surplus in foodgrains during 1969-70, which will have just enough for their requirements and which will be deficit ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : The demand for foodgrains like that of other commodities is elastic and depends on a number of factors such