

Danish Collaboration for a Beet Seed Farm in Kashmir

4539. DR. P. MANDAL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any steps are being taken to set up a large-scale beet seed farm in the Kashmir valley with Danish collaboration or any other collaboration and if so, when it is likely to come up; and

(b) what is the need of India of the beet seed and how the demand is being met now?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) :

(a) The National Seeds Corporation a Government of India Undertaking, has taken up programme to multiply sugar-beet seed on an area of 8 acres in Kashmir Valley during 1969-70, for which purpose, 10 Kgs. of mother seed was obtained from a Danish Firm. The programme of seed multiplication with the Danish varieties will be increased only after the demand in the country increases.

(b) The requirement of beet seed would be 20 tonnes in 1970-71 and 40 tonnes thereafter upto the end of the 4th Plan *i.e.* 1973-74. The requirements of beet seed is proposed to be met from home brown seed.

Resettlement of Repatriates from Burma in Madras

4540. SHRI SEZHIYAN : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received representations from repatriates

from Burma in Madras for settlement, rehabilitation and financial assistance to start some business;

(b) the schemes drawn up by Government for them; and

(c) the schemes implemented so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT AND REHABILITATION (SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The schemes drawn up and implemented by Government for the relief and rehabilitation of Burma repatriates in Tamil Nadu are indicated in the Statement laid on the Table of the House. [*Placed in Library. See No. LT-2423/69.*]

Gandhi Postage Stamps, Cards and Covers

4541. SHRI C. K. CHAKRAPANI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the criticism that the Gandhi Postage Stamps and Cards/Covers are not so popular because the photo of Gandhiji is taking more space; and

(b) the steps taken to avoid such complaints?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SHER SINGH) : (a) and (b). Some complaints through newspapers have come to notice. These pictorial stationeries have been brought out in limited quantities as commemo-