

(a) whether Indian Council of Agricultural Research Institute has carried out a research on cereal with a view to evolve a new cereal with high protein contents;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the type of land suitable for cultivation of this cereal ?

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

(a) Yes, Research work is in progress at the I. A. R. I. on the development of improved varieties of Triticale, which can be described as a new man-made cereal. The different varieties of Triticales have been found to show, in general, higher protein content than the varieties of wheat.

(b) The new cereal Triticale is a product of a cross between wheat and rye. Both wheat and rye possess several desirable characteristics. The object of crossing them is to produce a new type of cereal which will combine these and other desirable characters. The new cereal requires improvement for several of its characteristics, such as grain filling and grain setting, before it can be released. Intensive research work is in progress at the IARI and in several other countries to overcome the existing defects.

(c) The new cereal is expected to be more hardy than wheat and, may, therefore, prove to be more suitable for cultivation in rainfed and moisture deficit areas.

Attachment of Properties belonging to Sugar Factories for Non-Payment of Dues

6399. SHRI DEVINDER SINGH GARCHA :
SHRI MANIBHAI J. PATEL :
SHRI VALMIKI : CHOUNDHARY

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

(a) the number of sugar factories whose properties (movable and immovable) have been attached on account of defaulting payment of cane price cess and other Government dues; and

(b) the total amount of outstanding dues against the factories, factory-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) :
(a) and (b). Information in respect of sugar factories in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar is given in the statement laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-3206/70] Properties of none of the sugar factories in Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Punjab, Rajasthan and Pondicherry have been attached. Information in respect of sugar factories in other States is not available.

A. I. R. Stations in Kerala

6400. SHRI P. C. ADICHAN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :—

the number of broadcasting stations of the All India Radio in Kerala ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING, AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : Three.

स्वर्गीय श्री माणिक्य लाल वर्मा की स्मृति में स्मारक टिकट जारी करना

6401. श्री रमेश चन्द्र व्यास : क्या सूचना तथा प्रसारण और संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि राजस्थान के मुख्य मंत्री ने केन्द्रीय सरकार को एक सुझाव दिया है कि राजस्थान के एक सामाजिक कार्यकर्ता तथा जन-नेता स्वर्गीय श्री माणिक्य लाल वर्मा की स्मृति में एक स्मारक टिकट जारी किया जाये;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो इस सम्बन्ध में केन्द्रीय सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है तथा सरकार का विचार उक्त टिकट को कब तक जारी करने का है; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

सूचना तथा प्रसारण मंत्रालय और संचार विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री शेर सिंह) : (क) जी हाँ, ।