

(b) whether such concession embraced all the persons who had volunteered for service during the strike and whose offers were accepted with consequent call for duty or training ;

(c) whether all such volunteers, having fulfilled these conditions, have been absorbed in the Department ; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefore ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING, AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SHER SINGH) : (a) Yes. Government offered certain concessions in regard to recruitment of strike volunteers in the P&T Department in their orders dated 12-10-68 as further clarified in the orders dated 11-11-68.

(b) All persons who volunteered for service during the strike and those who were actually engaged were considered for absorption under the concessions, provided they satisfied the conditions laid down for the purpose.

(c) Yes. All eligible persons should have been absorbed by now.

(d) Does not arise. However, if there is still any specific case of non-absorption, it is open to the concerned candidate to represent to the Government.

Allocation of Newsprint to U.P.

4032. SHRI S. N. MISRA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the quantum of news-print allocated to Uttar Pradesh ;

(b) the portion of the allocated news-print which has been reserved for distribution to Daily, Weekly or Monthly periodicals ;

(c) the reservation, if any, provided for small newspapers ; and

(d) whether Government are aware of any allocation of news-print quota for District of Farrukhabad, Etawah in Uttar Pradesh ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND

BROADCASTING, AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : (a), (b) and (d). Newsprint is not allocated on a State-wise or district-wise basis ; nor is any portion of the available supplies of newsprint reserved for distribution to dailies, weeklies or monthlies. Allocation of newsprint to individual newspapers is made in accordance with the Newsprint Allocation Policy which is formulated and declared annually after taking into account the anticipated availability of indigenous and imported newsprint, the needs of different newspapers and the declared policy of Government to foster the growth of small and medium newspapers. The Newsprint Allocation Policy for the licensing year 1970-71 was announced on April 7, 1970. A copy of the Public Notice issued in this behalf was laid on the Table of the House the same day.

(c) There is no reservation of any quantity of newsprint for small newspapers but the annual Policy provides for liberal increase in newsprint quota to this category of newspapers.

Money advanced to States by National Cooperative Development Corporation

4033. SHRI S. N. MISRA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) how much money has so far been advanced by the National Cooperative Development Cooperation in the various States, State-wise ;

(b) whether any State has not fully utilised the facilities offered by National Cooperative Development Corporation ; and

(c) if so, which of the States ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI JAGANNATH PAHADIA) : (a) An amount of Rs. 78.46 crores has been advanced by the National Cooperative Development Corporation to the State Governments from 14.3.1963, that is the date on which the Corporation was set up, to 31.3.1970. The State-wise details are furnished in the statement placed on the Table of the House.

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. A statement is

placed on the Table of the House.
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Facilities for Cultivation of Soya Beans

4034. SHRI S. N. MISRA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is possible for Government to provide know-how and details for cultivation of Soya Beans for extraction of oil for export ; and

(b) whether Government will provide free facilities for cultivation of Soya Beans ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) The technical know-how for the cultivation of Soyabean and extraction of oil is available in the country.

(b) A Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Soyabean Demonstration has been sanctioned in 13 States at an estimated cost of Rs. 1,70,000/- during 1970-71 with a view to acquainting the farmers with the package of practices. A Central assistance of Rs. 500/- per hectare is provided under the Scheme to meet the cost of inputs. In addition, a proposal to start a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for the development of Soyabean in the country is under consideration.

Loss suffered due to mango pests and steps for mango pest control

4035. SHRI S. N. MISRA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the financial loss suffered by India due to mango pests in the last season ;

(b) the State in which the maximum damage to mangoes has been caused ;

(c) the efforts being made to combat mango pests in various States of India ; and

(d) how much money was spent on researches over mango pest control during the last financial year ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) It is estimated that the yield of mangoes was reduced in various States on account of attack of mango pests and diseases last season. The extent of loss ranged from 25% to 75%. No data is, however, available regarding the financial loss suffered by the owners of mango orchards.

(b) The maximum damage was reported from Eastern Uttar Pradesh where the crops suffered heavily on account of the attack of gall-midges, hoppers and powdery mildew.

(c) Plant Protection measures against mango pests are organised by the State Governments and pest control campaigns against the major pests of mango, i.e. mango hoppers, powdery mildew, gall midge, mite, anthracnose, malformation etc., are being organised by the State Departments of Agriculture regularly.

(d) Research on different problems including pest control on mango crop is being undertaken under the Coordinated Fruit Improvement Project which has been formulated for research on major fruits including mango. A sum of Rs. 43.83 lakhs has been provided for this project during the Fourth Five Year Plan and the expenditure last year was Rs. 5.15 lakhs. Under this Project, programme for research on major fruits including mango and pest control on mango crop is to be carried out at four Research Centres established at (i) I.A.R.I., New Delhi, (ii) Institute of Horticulture Research, Hessarghatta, Bangalore, (iii) Sabour (Bihar) and (iv) Sangareddy (Andhra Pradesh).

There is no separate scheme for research on mango pest control.

Foreign nationals in services of A.I.R.

4036. SHRI MADHU LIMAYE : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether all foreign nationals in the service of the A.I.R. (External Services Division) were getting an equal overseas allowance of Rs. 350/- per month ;

(b) whether the Information and Broadcasting Ministry has since categorised these