

हाल में इसरायली सहायता का कोई सरकारी प्रस्ताव प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है। यद्यपि, कुछ समाचार-पत्रों की रिपोर्ट के अनुसार भारत में इसरायली कांसुल मिस्टर याकोव मोरिस ने दिनांक 27 अक्टूबर, 1970 को चण्डीगढ़ में एक प्रेस सम्मेलन में कहा था कि 'वे विशेषकर रेगिस्तानी क्षेत्रों को खेती योग्य बनाने में वैज्ञानिक ज्ञान तथा विशेषज्ञता के आदान-प्रदान में, भारत तथा अपने देश के घनिष्ठ सहयोग की आशा करते थे'। प्रकाशित वैज्ञानिक साहित्य के माध्यम से, केन्द्रीय रक्ष क्षेत्र अनुसंधान संस्थान, जोधपुर को उन तकनीकों का ज्ञान है, जो इसरायल सहित सारी दुनिया में रेगिस्तानी भूमि को उपजाऊ बनाने के लिए उपयोग में लाये जा रहे हैं। इसरायल के रेगिस्तानी क्षेत्रों में शुरू की गई पौधों की किस्मों पर किये गये अनुसंधानों से प्राप्त परिणाम इस देश के रक्ष क्षेत्रों में भी अपनाये गये और सफल पौधों की किस्म यहां शुरू की गई। यद्यपि, इसरायल के रक्ष क्षेत्र की परिस्थितियां भारत से भिन्न हैं और उम देश के अनुसंधानों के परिणाम यहां हमेशा प्रत्यक्षरूप में लागू नहीं हो सकते हैं।

Production of Cashew Nuts in Contai Coastal Belt

4995. SHRI SAMAR GUHA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the coastal belt of Contai Sub-Division of West Bengal produces Cashew Nuts ;

(b) whether production of such nuts in this area can be very largely improved ;

(c) whether Government propose to assist in the proper cultivation, production and marketing of Cashew Nuts ; and

(d) whether for this purpose Government propose to send a Study Team to that area for exploring the possibility of limproved cultivation of Cashew Nuts ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) to (d). The relevant information is being collected from the State Government and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha.

Recommendations of Wild Life Board for a Game Sanctuary in Simulipahad, Orissa

4996. SHRI S. KUNDU : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Wild Life Board has recommended the development of Simulipahad in the district of Mayurbhanj, Orissa, as game sanctuary ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to implement the recommendations of the Wild Life Board regarding development of Simulipahad ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) to (c). The Expert Committee, set up by Government of India to examine existing National Parks/Wild Life Sanctuaries and to advise on setting up new ones, has recommended that the proposed National Park of Orissa in the Simulipahad Hills can be considered suited for faunal concentrations if the area thereof is restricted to about 160 sq. kms. and the seventy tribal settlements inside this area and on its fringe are moved out.

This report of the Expert Committee along with its other recommendations was discussed in the VIII Session of the Indian Board for Wild Life on 24-10-1970.

As decided in that Session the views of the State Governments have been sought in this regard.

Measures Adopted to check Floods and Storing of Rain Water in Bihar and Rajasthan

4997. SHRI ABDUL GHANI DAR : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether during the last three years upto 31st October 1970, Government failed to check the increase in floods which has been continuously ruining crops worth so many hundred crores ; and

(b) whether drought in Bihar and Rajasthan can be ended by storing rain water and supplying it through canals to many areas ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) The damage due to floods varies from year to year depending on the magnitude of floods in different parts of the country. Even though there has been more damage in last three years, it cannot be concluded that it is on the increase. Since 1954, measures such as construction of storage reservoirs, embankments, drainage channels, etc. have been undertaken to give protection against damage from floods and drainage congestion. These measures have benefited an area of 59 lakh hectares upto the beginning of the Fourth Plan. Such protective measures are being continued in the Fourth Plan.

(b) During the Plans, the State Governments have undertaken schemes for storing rain water and its utilisation for irrigation according to availability of resources as a part of Soil Conservation and Minor Irrigation Schemes. They have also a number of similar new schemes. When these are implemented the problem of drought will be tackled to a great extent.

Indian Coffee Workers' Cooperative Society Ltd., Delhi

4998. SHRI C. K. CHAKRAPANI : SHRI VISWANATHA MENON :

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

(a) the total membership of the Indian Coffee Workers' Co-operative Society Limited, Delhi ;

(b) whether the workers who have been working for more than five years, are entitled to get the membership ;

(c) if so, how many workers, who have completed five year term, are still out of the membership ;

(d) the reason for the same ; and

(e) whether Government propose to instruct to give the membership to all the workers who have already completed five-year period ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI JAGANNATH PAHADIA) : (a) 227

(b) Yes Sir,

(c) 105

(d) Only 16 employees out of 105 have submitted written applications, which are under consideration of the Society.

(e) In view of the position indicated in part (d) above, the question of issuing instructions does not arise.

Strike by Workers of Hindustan Motors Limited, Uttarapara, West Bengal

4999. SHRI MOHAMMAD ISMAIL : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether workers of the Hindustan Motors Limited, Uttarapara (West Bengal) resorted to a work-to-rule strike recently ;

(b) if so, the main demands of the workers ;

(c) whether 27 workers had been retrenched from the Hindustan Motors Company recently ; and