

(c) During the season 1977-78, there was a record production of sugarcane and sugar in the country. Thereafter, there has been a decrease in the production of sugarcane as well as sugar in the subsequent two years. The reasons for fall in production of sugarcane and sugar are as under:—

(i) Deficient and erratic behaviour of monsoons during 1978-79 and 1979-80 affected the area and productivity of sugarcane;

(ii) Depressing prices of sugar and other sweetening agents at the time of sowing of 1979-80 crops; and

(iii) The decline in sugar production was mainly due to the fall in sugarcane production.

(d) It has been proposed to increase production of sugarcane during the 1980-81 season by (a) increase in area and (b) by raising the productivity. For increase in area the State Governments have been asked to extend sowing period as far as possible. The productivity of sugarcane is proposed to be increased through the use of improved seeds, clean inter-cultivation, use of chemical weedicides, spraying against pests, optimum use of fertilizers, demonstration and efficient management. The measures taken for increasing sugarcane production would have their effect on sugar production. For maximising production of sugar in 1980-81 Government would also take appropriate measures to ensure early start of crushing.

Sugar Industry

*10. SHRI AMARSINH RATHAWA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take over the sugar industry in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Sanskrit Universities

*17. SHRI HARINATHA MISHRA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state the names of Sanskrit Universities in the country and the steps that have been taken or are proposed to be taken for their all round development?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): There are two Sanskrit Universities in the country, namely, Sampurnanand Sanskrit Vishwavidyalaya, Varanasi and K. S. Darbhanga Sanskrit Vishwavidyalaya Darbhanga, both of which are State Universities and hence their development is really the concern of the respective State Governments. However, they avail of such assistance as they are eligible for under the schemes of the University Grants Commission.

केरल की चूहे मारने की योजना का अन्य राज्यों में लागू होना

*18. श्री कमला मिश्र मधुकर: क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या केरल की सरकार ने चूहे मारने में काफी सफलता प्राप्त की है, ताकि खाद्यान्नों की बरबादी कम हो और इस प्रकार समूचे देश के समक्ष एक उदाहरण प्रस्तुत किया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका विवरण क्या है;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने इस स्कीम को अन्य राज्यों में लागू करने की किसी योजना पर विचार किया है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में सरकार ने क्या कार्यवाही की है?