

the gap between demand for and availability of indigenous edible oils may continue in the coming years. This gap has to be met through imports.

(c) A number of factors contribute to this situation. Some of these are inadequate production of oilseeds, increase in population, increase in per capita consumption of edible oils, etc.

Lack of Rainfall in Parts of Karnataka

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that though there are heavy rains in many parts of the country, there is no rainfall at all in many parts of Karnataka ;

(b) whether the sowing period has come to an end and many lands are not still ploughed ; and

(c) whether Government propose to send a study team early to examine the matter and give adequate relief ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH) :

(a) According to the information made available by India Meteorological Department, rains have been excess or normal all over the State of Karnataka upto 25th July, 1984, except in two districts namely, Chikmonglur and Chitradurg.

(b) As per information furnished by the State Government, there was deficiency in rain up-till middle of July in some parts of the State. By that time the sowing season for early crops, like early Jowar, Sesamum, Groundnut and Green gram was over. In view of rains in the second and third week of July, ploughing operations are in progress.

Sowing of minor millets, pulses like Horsegram, Cowpeas etc. and Sunflower and to some extent Rogi would be continued upto the end of August.

(c) The question of sending a Central Team on Relief will be taken up after receipt of any such request from the State Government in the form of a memorandum.

स्वदेशी गायों और सांडों की संख्या में कमी

219. श्री केसर भूषण : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या पंजाब, हरियाणा और देश के अन्य भागों में स्वदेशी गायों और सांडों की संख्या कम हो गई है और यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ;

(ख) क्या पशुओं की संख्या कम होने के कारण छोटे किसानों की कृषि उत्पादन क्षमता कम हो गई है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो उनके संरक्षण के लिए क्या कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री योगेन्द्र मकवाना) : (क) जी, नहीं। प्रखिल भारत पशुधन संगणना, 1972 और 1977 के अनुसार गायों और सांडों की संख्या में कोई कमी नहीं हुई।

(ख) प्रश्न ही नहीं होता।

(ग) प्रश्न ही नहीं होता।

Sale of Spurious Fertilizers to Farmers

*220. SHRI RAM VILAS
PASWAN :
SHRI NAWAL KISHORE
SHARMA :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :