

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

*218. SHRI T. R. SHAMANNA :
SHRI K. MALLANNA :

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 :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to news-item in Indian Express of 10 July, 1984 wherein it has been stated that there has been sale of Spurious Fertilizers to Punjab farmers ;

(b) whether spurious fertilizers have also been sold in some other States :

(c) how far it has affected the crops ; and

(d) what action Government have taken to avoid its recurrence ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A few isolated complaints with regard to some other States have also been received, some of which could not be substantiated.

Considering the massive quantity of fertilisers being distributed and the very small number of cases of sale/distribution of spurious/sub-standard/adulterated fertilisers reported, the effect on the crops, by and large, will be insignificant.

(d) A Central Team was sent to Punjab to enquire into the allegations contained in the News-item. From the report of the Central Team as also the comments of the Government of Punjab, it appears that the news paper report is not factually correct. The Government of Punjab have also assured that all necessary action is taken to check the quality of fertilisers and punish the guilty persons.

The Central Government have also time and again impresced upon the State Governments to gear up and strengthen their enforcement machinery and to mount special campaigns for checking fertiliser quality. Central Teams are also sent from time to time for checking quality of fertilisers at field level. The Central Government is

also strengthening the Quality Control arrangements at the National and Regional level.

Recommendation of DDA for New Master Plan

*221. SHRI KAMAL NATH : Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Delhi Development Authority has finally submitted its recommendations to Government for a new Master Plan for the Union Territory ;

(b) whether the DDA has recommended that this Matser Plan will be treated as the extension of the first Master Plan ; and

(c) the reason for not treating this as Second Master Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS SPORTS AND WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Buildings Lacking Indian Culture

*222. SHRIMATI USHA PRAKASH CHOUDHARI : Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the buildings constructed by Government and private concerns in the capital and other parts of the country do not reflect our culture, personality and our way of life and lack Indian architectural beauty ; and

(b) whether Government would advise the concerned persons to value vernacular architecture in planning the buildings ?