

children of 1 to 5 years. Otherwise total availability in the country is adequate.

SHRI N. K. SANGHI: Soyabean is one of the most high yielding varieties as regards protein. What is being done by the Food Corporation of India to set up a processing plant for soyabean in the country?

SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE: Soyabean production and processing are being encouraged with all research support. Pant Nagar University is doing special work; so also ICAR. The Food Corporation of India is also interested in procuring of Soyabean. If there are any other suggestions from the hon Member, they are welcome.

SHRI RANABHADUR SINGH: I want to know whether it is a fact that offtake of soyabean is constrained by the fact that there are not many processing factories which would convert it into edible food and if so what steps do they propose to take to remove that constraint?

SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE: It is a suggestion for action.

Crocodile Bank

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*7. **SHRI RAJDEO SINGH.**

SHRI BIRENDER SINGH RAO:

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

(a) whether Dr V. John Vondermull of the FAO recommended the setting up of a crocodile bank in the country especially in Orissa;

(b) if so, reasons for the suitability of the Orissa State for the said bank;

(c) whether he has highly commended crocodile farming in Orissa particularly at Tikerpara and Bhitarkanika in rivers Mahanadi and Baitarni; and

(d) if so, why these two rivers have been suggested?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE) : (a) to (d). A statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement

(a) Dr. H. R. Bustard, F.A.O. Consultant, after a preliminary Survey of the prospects for crocodile farming in India, suggested Orissa as one of the extremely favourable localities for a farming project.

(b) Orissa was selected because it offered the most suitable habitat for conservation of these endangered species.

(c) Yes, Sir,

(d) Gharials inhabit Satkosia gorge (in which Tikerpara is Situated) and it provides a good gharial habitat. Bhitarkanika is the prime salt water crocodile habitat in which the species was formerly abundant. Two mature crocodiles live in this creek and nests were located to indicate a good breeding resource.

श्री राजदेव सिंह : मैं मंत्री महोदय से यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि श्री जान भंडरमल जिस प्रागेनाइजेशन को बिलांग करते हैं एक ए प्रो, उस प्रागेनाइजेशन ने उन्हें यहाँ भेजा था या गवर्नमेंट आफ इंडिया ने उन से रिक्वेस्ट किया था कि उड़ीसा की नदियों की जांच की जाय और रिपोर्ट दी जाय ? साथ साथ मे यह भी जानना चाहता हूँ कि जान भंडरमल साहब जो आए - उन्होंने सिर्फ उड़ीसा की ही नदियों का सर्वे किया था या देश की और भी नदियों का सर्वे किया था ?

SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE: Dr. Bustard of the FAO came to India on our invitation and he visited not

only Orissa but also West Bengal, Bihar, U.P., Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Tamilnadu. The expert knowledge on crocodile breeding is not available in many countries and in our own country the species is greatly being reduced. Therefore we are very much concerned about it. Now, we have brought it under the protection of Wild Life Act. Its export is banned

श्री राजदेव सिंह : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मध्य प्रदेश जो बेतवा नदी है वह हमीरपुर जिले से होते हुए यमुना में गिरती है। हमीरपुर जिले में एक गांव है जिसका नाम मगरटी है वहां पचासों मगर चड़ियाल देखे जा सकते हैं। क्या बेतवा नदी का भी सर्वे किया गया है या नहीं ?

SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE: We shall go into that.

SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY: Mr Speaker, Sir, I would like to know from the Minister whether he is concerned about the breeding of crocodile or he is concerned about crocodile tears.

SHRI P. GANGADEB: Sir, since F.A.O expert has very strongly recommended the scheme of establishing the crocodile farm specially in Orissa and that not only will it be a highly commercial project for Orissa but also a shot in the arms for India's foreign exchange earning and also when Orissa State has already accepted this scheme and has sent it to the High Command for their approval, may I know what is the decision of the Government in the matter and their understanding with the U.N.D.P. and the F.A.O. to expedite quick implementation of the scheme both financially and through technical expertise?

SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE: My Ministry has released necessary amounts for Orissa scheme and necessary trained people are made available there

Fall in Sugarcane Production

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B. SHRI K. M MADHUKAR:
SHRI C. JANARDHANAN:

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

(a) whether it is estimated that the total sugarcane production will go down by at least 5 million tonnes;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) measures proposed to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE): (a) to (c). Final estimates of sugarcane production for 1975-76 are not yet due from State Governments. However, according to the second estimate which gives preliminary estimates of area under the crop, an increase of 4.2 per cent is indicated in the area under sugarcane.

श्री कमला विध 'मधुकर' : अध्यक्ष जी, देश में गन्ना उत्पादकों की स्थिति बहुत बुरी हो चली है. खास कर मरकाज की जो नीति चीन मिल-मालिकों को खुश करने की है उसके कारण। इस लिए मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि इस देश में जो गन्ना उत्पादक हैं, खास कर बिहार और उत्तर प्रदेश में, जिन को गन्ना उत्पादन में कोई उत्साह नहीं रह गया है, उन को चीनी मिल-मालिकों पर जो बकाया है, उसका भुगतान करने के लिए सरकार ने कोई कदम नहीं उठाया है। तो क्या सरकार कोई ऐसा कदम उठाने जा रही है जिस से वह भुगतान गन्ना उत्पादकों को जल्दी प्राप्त हो सके। साथ ही गन्ना उत्पादकों को उत्साहित