

Q/ha) with the improved Dryland technology as compared to traditional method of cultivation which gave grain yield of 11.0 Q/ha. Similar higher yields have also been obtained in the pilot projects for other crops like maize, rice, wheat, barley, gram, and groundnut due to improved practices

The technology developed at the dryland research centres is also used in planning and implementing the agricultural programme in the districts coming under the Drought Prone Areas Programme. Besides, the State Departments of Agriculture avail of the technology for their normal extension and development activities in rainfed areas

Rationalisation of Bonus Formula for Foodgrains

*469. SHRI B. S. BHAURA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state

(a) whether the Punjab Government have pleaded for rationalisation of the bonus formula for foodgrains; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE): (a) and (b). In the course of discussions regarding rabi policy for 1976-77, the Punjab Government has pleaded that entitlement to wheat bonus may not be linked to any pre-determined target of contribution to the Central Pool. The incentive bonus scheme for wheat for 1976-77 season is still under consideration

Profit Earned by Modern Bakeries

*470. SHRI R. S. PANDEY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) amount of profit earned by Modern Bakeries last year; and

(b) whether there is any proposal regarding future expansion of the Bakeries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE): (a). The estimated profit during 1975-76 is Rs. 35.87 lakhs before taxation.

(b). 5 standard units are being set up at Bhubaneswar, Gauhati, Indore, Jaipur and Ranchi besides three bun plants at Bombay, Calcutta and Cochin. The Company is also conducting a survey to find suitable locations for setting up of additional units during the Fifth Plan.

Indo-GDR Pact

*471. SHRI P. GANGA REDDY: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Indo-GDR pact on equivalence of Degrees, Diplomas has recently been signed in New Delhi; and

(b) if so, broad outlines thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI D. P. YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir. A protocol on the equivalence of degrees/diplomas/certificates has been signed between India and the German Democratic Republic on March 19, 1976.

(b) A statement incorporating the broad features thereof is laid on the table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-10677/76]