

महोदय की नीटिस में आई है ? यदि आई है तो इस सम्बन्ध में वे क्या कर रहे हैं ?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : यह सवाल इस से नहीं उठता। प्राइमरी स्कूल का इस में कोई सवाल नहीं है।

श्री सरजू पांडे : प्राइमरी स्कूल से ले कर कालेज तक सभी कक्षाओं की फीस बढ़ा दी गई है, दुगुनी कर दी गई है। यह हमारे उत्तर प्रदेश में किया गया है।

श्री कमला मिश्र "मधुकर" : यह बात सही है कि ग्राम स्टूडेंट्स को इस 20 प्वाइंट प्रोग्राम को इम्प्लीमेंट करने में इन्वाल्व करना चाहते हैं लेकिन क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि ऐसे तमाम लोग जो जय प्रकाश के आन्दोलन के साथ थे आज स्टूडेंट्स संगठनों में प्रवेश कर के इस प्रोग्राम में बाधा डालने को और उस को सबोटेज करने की कोशिश कर रहे हैं ?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : इस का इस से कोई सम्बन्ध नहीं है।

श्री कमला मिश्र "मधुकर" : यह हो रहा है।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : होता होगा, लेकिन यह रेलीक्ट नहीं है।

Shortfall in use of Fertilizer

*175. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SINHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been shortfall in the use of fertilizer particularly among the weaker sections; and

(b) the extent of shortfall and remedial measures taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE): (a) and (b). According to the available information, the consumption of fertilizers in the country has picked up considerably after the price reductions of March-April, 1976, and introduction of subsidy scheme for Phosphatic fertilizers. There are no reports with Government that there has been a shortfall in the use of fertilizers by the weaker sections of the farmers. At present, there is sufficient availability of fertilizers in the country. For encouraging the use of fertilizers, an intensive Promotion Scheme has been undertaken in certain selected districts in the country. More and more retail points, including mobile points, are being opened particularly in interior areas. Prices of fertilizers have been reduced and distribution margins increased. Special schemes such as Small Farmers Development Agencies, Marginal Farmers and Agricultural Labourers Agencies and the scheme for differential rate of interest are in operation under which assistance is available to weaker sections to promote *inter alia* fertilizer use. Before the reduction of fertilizer prices, there was some set back in the consumption of fertilizers in general. But no separate statistical information is available about the levels of consumption amongst the various categories of farmers.

SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SINHA: The answer is longish and I have not been able to follow every sentence. However, may I know from the hon. Minister whether there is any proposal to conduct a survey to find out whether there has been any fall in the level of consumption of chemical fertilisers by the weaker sections of the farmers?

SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE: It is a good suggestion. We shall look into it.