

(ख) यदि हां, तो कब से और उसका व्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) किन-किन राज्य सरकारों ने उपर्युक्त योजना को स्वीकार किया है ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHAB P. SHINDE) : (a) to (c). The question of implementation of a scheme for Crop Insurance is under consideration of an Expert Committee. Its report is awaited.

Regarding Cattle Insurance, mortality data has been collected from certain selected districts and are being analysed. After the results of the analysis of the data are available it will be considered whether a pilot scheme should be drawn up.

श्री रामचन्द्र विकल : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मेरा प्रश्न हिन्दी में था। अच्छा होता मंत्री महोदय हिन्दी में जवाब देने।

मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि जो विशेष समिति आपने बनाई फसलों के बीमे के संबंध में वह कब से बनी हुई है और उसके कौन कौन से सदस्य हैं और क्या मित्रांतर रूप से किसानों की फसलों के बीमे को वह मानते हैं या नहीं ?

SHRI ANNASAHAB P. SHINDE : A committee was set up in July 1970 and Mr. Dharma Narayan, the Chairman of the Agricultural Prices Commission is the Chairman of that committee. There are other Members, six of them, who are mostly experts in financial, actuarial and other matters and the Committee is expected to submit its report any time now ; the report is almost ready.

श्री रामचन्द्र विकल : मैं जानना चाहता हूँ पशुओं की मृत्यु के आँकड़े के लिए जो जिले मंत्री महोदय ने तय किए वह किन किन प्रान्तों के कौन कौन जिले हैं और उनका आधार क्या था ?

श्री अण्णासाहेब पी. शिंदे : जो जिले तय किए हुए हैं वह इस प्रकार हैं—कृष्णा जिला

आन्ध्र प्रदेश में, चिंगलपेट तामिलनाडु में, रोहतक जिला हरियाणा में और उत्तर प्रदेश में मेरठ जिला।

SHRI Y. S. MAHAJAN : Has the Punjab Government accepted it on a pilot basis and, if so, what are the results ?

MR. SPEAKER : There is no mention of Punjab here ; it is not relevant. Otherwise I would welcome it.

श्री लालजी भाई : मैं मंत्री जी से यह जानना चाहूँगा कि भिन्न भिन्न प्रान्तों में कितने पशु हैं उनके मही सही आँकड़े बताने की कृपा करेंगे ?

SHRI ANNASAHAB P. SHINDE : About the census of cattle, with due notice it should be possible for us, on the basis of the census report, to give the number.

अध्यक्ष महोदय : पहले इनसे यह पूछ लिया जाय पशुओं में किन किन को शुमार करते हैं ?

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेई : दो पैर वालों को नहीं करते।

Mango Production

*397. SHRI P. VENKATASUBBAIAH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a growing demand in foreign countries of mangoes from our country ;

(b) whether there has been a steady decline of mango production in the country because of the negligence and a pathy in giving proper attention to the mango production ;

(c) the steps Government propose to take to encourage farmers to go in for more production of mangoes ; and

(d) whether Government are starting any Research Centre in the country to develop improved quality of mangoes and

also proper insecticides to prevent damage to mango crop on extensive scale every year ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The Fourth Five Year Plan includes a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on increased production of exportable fruits including mango. The Scheme envisages grant of incentives to farmers for planting new areas and intensification of production in the existing areas.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Indian Council of Agricultural Research has sanctioned an All India Coordinated Fruit Improvement Project which covers research on mango. The Council is also processing a Scheme for establishment of a Central Mango Research Institute at Lucknow in Uttar Pradesh.

SHRI P. VENKATASUBBAIAH : May I know whether the Government is aware of the fact that due to lack of help from the panchayat samithi level by the Block Development Officer or the agricultural experts, the crop is being subjected to different types of pests with the result that the production of mango crop, especially in Andhra Pradesh, is going down and, if so, what steps do Government propose to take so as to provide scientific and other technical knowledge for the farmers to avoid these pests ?

SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE : The Government is well aware of the diseases from which the mango crop suffers. Spraying the areas by way of prophylactic measure has been suggested, but of course, the problem is so vast. Aerial spraying itself presents many difficult problems. But that has been suggested to the State Governments, and we are prepared to help the State Governments in undertaking such plant protection measures for mangoes.

SHRI P. VENKATASUBBAIAH : May I know whether the Government propose to start a cell in Rajendranagar Agricultural

Institute in Andhra Pradesh in order to provide the necessary assistance to the farmers to take up mango-growing and also to see that different grafts are sent there for use by the farmers ?

MR. SPEAKER : It is a suggestion for action.

SHRI P. VENKATASUBBAIAH
Whether they propose to start it.

SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE .
There is a place called Sangareddy in Andhra Pradesh where we are going to have such a centre.

श्री शंकर बयाल विहः अध्यक्ष महोदय, आम की बात आर्ट है इसलिए मैं मंत्री महोदय से एक प्रश्न पूछना चाहता हूँ। उन्हें शायद इस बात की जानकारी होगी कि बिहार के दीघा में मालदह आम पैदा होता है जो देश का सबसे अच्छा आम माना जाता है। लेकिन दीघा में गंगा के किनारे जहाँ यह आम पैदा होता है, वहाँ पर लगातार मकान बनते जा रहे हैं, जिस की वजह से इस आम के पैदा करने के लिए जमीन नहीं बच रही है। क्या सरकार कोई उपाय करना चाहती है जिससे इस आम की फसल को बढ़ावा मिले और व मकान न बनें ?

SHRI ANNASAHEB P. SHINDE : It is true that as a result of increasing population and urbanisation, particularly kilns, etc., the mango crop is getting adversely affected. The Government is aware of it.

श्री रामाबतार शास्त्री : आम की फसल हमारे बिहार में बहुत ज्यादा होती है, यू. पी. में भी होती है। मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि आम की फसल का ज्यादा से ज्यादा विकास हो सके तथा आप ज्यादा से ज्यादा फार्म-एक्सचेंज कमा सकें, इस दृष्टि से क्या आम की फसल ज्यादा बढ़ाने के लिए स्टेट गवर्नमेंट को मदद देने के लिए आप के पास कोई योजना है ? यदि कोई योजना है तो वह कौन सी योजना है ?

SHRI ANNASAHIB P. SHINDE : Normally like other subjects of agriculture, it falls within the purview of the State Governments. But the Centre has been helping the State Governments by giving block grants. It is coordinated research which is going to help the development of mango crop. In that, the Centre plays a big role through the Indian Council of Agricultural Research.

MR. SPEAKER : I would not have stopped this delicious discussion, but the time is already over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Steps to Solve Shortage of Milk During Fourth Plan

*392. **SHRI B. K. DASCHOWDHURI :** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the steps Government propose to take in the Fourth Five Year Plan period to solve the country-wide shortage of milk ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHER SINGH) : Cattle development and dairy scheme in the Central and State Sectors of the Fourth Plan rely on scientific breeding, better management, veterinary care and proper marketing facilities for increasing milk production. The question of feed and fodder must be given more attention.

2. On the advice of the Scientists' Panel, cross-breeding programme for milk shed areas appertaining to dairy factories has been accepted as a part of our breeding policy. Under the intensive cattle development projects, steps are being taken to provide better quality bulls and to organise a system of artificial insemination and where there are practical difficulties to make facilities for natural service available. Key village blocks are also being opened in areas not served by intensive cattle development projects, New veterinary hospitals and dispensaries are being set up to take care of animal health. The Operation Flood which will step up milk supply in the four major metropolitan cities of Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and Madras will organise cattle development work in 10 States and

one Union Territory. This will provide much needed fillip to milk production.

Labour Trouble in Durgapur Steel Plant

*396. **SHRIMATI BIBHA GHOSA :**
SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE :

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the management of Durgapur Steel Plant is holding back production for the last two and a half months in different units, particularly in mill shops in apprehension of labour trouble ;

(b) whether the offer made by the Hindustan Steel Employees' Union, Durgapur for joint efforts to improve the situation has been turned down by the management ; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to meet the demands of the workers of that establishment which have been outlined in a memorandum recently submitted to Government ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MOHAN KUMAR MANGALAM) : (a) No, Sir. It may, however, be stated that whenever strikes and 'bandhs' seemed imminent, certain precautionary/safety measures had to be taken by the Management to save the Plant from damage.

(b) The Plant Management welcome all positive suggestions for improvement of production and productivity.

The Management had sent proposals to the Hindustan Steel Employees' Union in 1969 to associate itself in the various Joint Consultative Committees in order to settle matters of mutual concern like, improvement of production and productivity, shop level discipline, settlement of employees' grievances etc. In spite of many reminders, the Union has not so far nominated its representatives to the various Joint Committees

However, a meeting was held between Hindustan Steel Employees' Union and the