

- (b) the names of the collieries ;
- (c) the number of workers affected in each colliery ; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to reopen these collieries ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR) : (a) to (d). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House, when received.

Training Scheme for Workers' Participation in Management of Industries

*711. SHRI M. M. JOSEPH : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether any special training scheme to prepare workers for effective participation in the management of industries through Joint Management Councils at the Plant level has been proposed by the Central Board for workers Education in some States of the country ; and

(b) if so, the benefits in implementing such schemes ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR) : (a) and (b). The Central Board for Workers' Education has been organizing four-weeks' programmes at suitable Centres for training members of Works Committees and Joint Management Councils. The programme aims at orienting the participants to their role as members of these groups. No other special training scheme is proposed.

Accumulation in sugar factories, Uttar Pradesh

*712. SHRI RAJDEO SINGH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that huge stocks are held up by sugar factories in Uttar Pradesh ; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to solve this problem ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHER SINGH) : (a) The stocks of sugar with factories in Uttar Pradesh on the 7th June, 1971 were 12.10 lakh tonnes as against 11.93 lakh tonnes on the corresponding date last year.

(b) All restrictions on price, distribution and movement of sugar have been removed with effect from the 25th of May, 1971, except that releases for sale of sugar by factories will continue to be regulated. Government is giving liberal releases of sugar for sale.

Loss Suffered by Food Corporation of India on Account of Transport and Storage Difficulties

*713. SHRI S. N. MISRA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the loss suffered by Food Corporation of India in the years 1969-70 and 1970-71 on account of transport and storage difficulties ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHAB P. SHINDE) : It is not possible to work out the precise loss suffered by the Food Corporation of India specifically on account of transport and storage difficulties alone. During 1969-70 and 1970-71 the transit and storage loss due to various factors such as damage due to rain, transit and storage losses worked out to about 0.92% of the total turn over.

Working of Indo-German Agricultural Project for Farming in Himalayan Region

*714. SHRI K. C. PANDEY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether an Indo-German agricultural project (IGADA) is working to boost farming in Himalayan region with its multifarious activities ;

(b) if so, the activities of the IGADA in the region and the terms of agreement ; and

(c) its achievements so far ?